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Boilers
Two Yarrow 3 Drum Water Tube, Working pressure 235 lbs/sq. inch.

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Two sets Triple Expansion each giving 1,000 h.p. at 300 r.p.m.

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Two 3 bladed Bull's metal. Diameter 5'6", Pitch 7'0".

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Forms of Tender can be obtained from and tenders should be addressed to:

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BRITISH NAVAL OFFICE,
H.B.M. CONSULATE-GENERAL,
SHANGHAI.

Envelopes should be marked on outside "TENDER FOR BEE" and must be deposited by NOON January 14, 1939.

All tenders to be made in Pounds Sterling and a deposit of £300 (three hundred pounds) must accompany same. On acceptance of tender buyer to pay balance and take delivery within 3 weeks. All charges to be for account of buyer from day following acceptance of tender.

The vessel is offered for sale in the belief that the above particulars are correct but their correctness is not guaranteed. No claim for compensation or any allowance will be entertained from the purchaser on account of any errors or mis-description; neither will any responsibility be accepted for defects that now or may hereafter exist in the hull and machinery of the vessel.

(sgd) J. N. HAM
Commander (E)
Engineer Officer, Yangtse.

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NOTICE

To inform the public and to avoid any confusion NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

1: that C. INGENOHL, Belgian citizen, invented and created the brand: "LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE"
2: that INGENOHL started manufacturing cigars in Manila in 1883 and that his firm later on took the name of El Oriente Fabrica de Tabacos
3: that, after having discovered the climate of Hongkong most suitable for manufacturing cigars, INGENOHL started his branch-factory in Hongkong in 1907
4: that during the world war, INGENOHL's Manila factory was erroneously sold there as alien property
5: that after the war INGENOHL did not manufacture cigars in Manila but concentrated his whole cigar production in Hongkong
6: that C. INGENOHL had no connection whatsoever with El Oriente Fabrica de Tabacos nor with any party who since the war took over his former factory in Manila
7: that since the concentration of cigar production in Hongkong, INGENOHL put his printed signature on every box of his "LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE" cigars to avoid any confusion whatsoever
8: that since the demise of the late Mr. C. INGENOHL, the Hongkong Factory has been incorporated as THE ORIENT TOBACCO MANUFACTORY C. INGENOHL LTD., HONGKONG, and is the exclusive successor to the INGENOHL interests, and
9: that the genuine C. INGENOHL "LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE" cigars are manufactured exclusively by the aforesaid incorporated firm and are obtainable at the C. INGENOHL's Cigar Stores and other tobacconists in Shanghai.

YAO YUNG-LI LAW OFFICES,
Attorneys for The Orient Tobacco Manufactory C. Ingenohl Ltd., Hongkong.

December 20, 1938.

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ROAST BEEF TIFFIN, $1.20

Chicken Curry and Rice, $1
Caramel Cake 30 cents
Maxwell House Coffee 20 cents

JIMMY'S, 11 Rue Montauban

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PORTUGUESE CONSULATE GENERAL

NOTICE

The Offices of this Consulate General and Consular Court have been removed to

15 Route Francis Garnier
Telephone 70183

Shanghai, December 21, 1938. 13126

HUGH ALEXANDER MORRISON
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims or demands upon or against the Estate of HUGH ALEXANDER MORRISON deceased formerly Ship's Officer employed by China Navigation Co., Ltd., who died on the 19th day of May 1938 near Chungking China are hereby requested on or before the 28th February 1939 to send in writing particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned AND that after the said 28th day of February 1939 the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to claims and demands of which the undersigned shall then have had notice and will not be answerable for the assets so distributed or any part thereof to any person whose claim or demand the undersigned shall not then have had notice.

PLATT, WHITE-COOPER & CO.,
Legal Practitioners for
Arthur Ernest Seddon
the Administrator,
83 Peking Road, Shanghai.

Shanghai, December 16, 1938.

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"NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS"

HOLIDAY NOTICE

The "North-China Daily News" will be published as usual on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but there will be no issue on December 26 and January 2.

The offices of the Company will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year Day only.

THE PUBLISHER.

December 20, 1938.

NOTICE

We wish to notify our customers that, although a small fire occurred in our window at 4.03 a.m., December 19, we are still carrying on business and welcome all old and new customers.

J. LLEWELLYN & CO.

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NOTICE

Our offices will be closed from 12 noon to-day (Wednesday) as a mark of respect to our late Managing Director, Mr. A. E. Lockyer.

MERCANTILE PRINTING CO. (1925) LTD.

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NOTICE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Customs Officer's Certificate of Authority No. 797, dated June 24, 1937, issued in the name of Mr. C. Hess, River Police Sergeant, has been lost and is hereby declared null and void.

P. I. TIRBAK,
Acting Harbour Master.

Harbour Master's Office,
Shanghai, December 20, 1938.

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SHANGHAI BURNS CLUB

As the above Club has started to function and is holding a Supper in the Shanghai Club on January 25, 1939, members are requested to make reservations as soon as possible. New members (any nationality) are invited.

W. LYLE,
Hon. Secretary,
51 Canton Road

13089

HUNGJAO AREA ASSOCIATION

Monument and Pearce Roads

The roads are now open to Members on production of Membership card. Some bridges are under repair.

K. M. CUMMING.
Secretary and Treasurer.

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THE EASTER TERM 1939

will commence on Friday, January 20, 1939. Parents or others wishing to get in touch with the Headmaster, Mr. B. G. Inge, may address correspondence to him c/o "North-China Daily News" Office, or may call at this office (6th floor) where Mr. Inge will be in attendance between 10 and 11 a.m. daily until Friday, December 23.

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1st Prize	Ticket No. 413
2nd Prize	Ticket No. 576
3rd Prize	Ticket No. 279
4th Prize	Ticket No. 597

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INGENOHL'S Famous Cheroots

	per box of 100
Nuevo Cortado	$13.00
Nuevo Cortado, with cellophane	$14.00
	per box of 50
Nuevo Cortado Extra	$ 7.50
Cortado Fino	$ 9.00
Cortado d ela Reina	$ 9.50
Cortado Delicioso	$10.00
Cortado Grande	$15.00
King George Cheroots	$11.25

Only Imported Cigars are sold at

INGENOHL'S Cigar Stores
"La Perla del Oriente"
123, 137, 171 Nanking Road

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GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for Dollars local currency for Telegraphic Transfer on the War Office, London, up to and for the sum of £10,000 will be received by the Area Paymaster, until 11 a.m. on December 21, 1938.

The tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No telegraphic transfer will be made for less than £100.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the Area Paymaster, Embarkation Staff Office, 1st Floor, 24 Central Road, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills, etc."

The right is reserved (1) to accept or reject any or all of the tenders and (2) in case of equality of rate between tenders amounting in all to more than the total sum required, to give preference to any tender received from the Bankers to the Treasury Chest.

"Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III Cap. and 41 George III Cap. 52 the acceptance of any such tenders is subject to the express condition that no Member of British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contractor thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills)."

"The provisions in question do not apply to contracts entered into by any incorporated company in its corporated capacity and made for the general benefit of the company."

J. S. EYNON,
Major, R.A.P.C.,
Area Paymaster,
Shanghai.

Area Pay Office,
Shanghai.

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CALDBECK'S
CHRISTMAS SELECTIONS

Champagnes:	POMMERY and GRENO BOLLINGER, VINTAGE 1928/29
Sherries:	AMONTILLADO FINO SUPERIOR OLD BROWN
Ports:	OLD TAWNY VINTAGE
Brandies:	EXSHAW'S No. 1. ★★★ F. O. V.
Gins:	BOOTH'S OLD TOM BOOTH'S DRY
Liqueurs:	BOLS
Whiskies:	JOHNNIE WALKER MACGREGOR'S V.O.S.

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AQUARIUS WATERS

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CONTINUITY OF SERVICE
EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION

THE YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.
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To-day's Events

DECEMBER

21 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
21 French A.D.C., 'Ruy Blas 33,' Lyc., 9
21 19th Annual Hanuccah Ball, 9.30

Charge for items $1 per line, which includes all insertions till date of event

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Roast Beef Tiffin	$1.20
Baked Beans	80 cts.
Beef Curry and Rice	$1.00
Caramel Cake	30 cts.
Pumpkin Pie	30 cts.

Freshly baked home-style Coffee Cake served at 11 a.m. at 10 cents a cut.

JIMMY'S, 133 Nanking Road

-6931

19th HANUCCAH BALL

Cercle Sportif Francais
Wednesday, December 21,
9.30 p.m.

Admission tickets at the entrance.
Reservations at the Secretary's.

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TO
MRS. HANNA DURST
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL GUIDES BUREAU

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED that unless the furniture left in the premises once rented to you in Sassoon Arcade, Sassoon House, and since removed for storage is taken delivery of within one week from date, the same will be sold to defray the cost of storage.

E. D. SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
Property Department.

Shanghai, December 16, 1938.

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NOTICE

To avoid confusion, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that the "EL ORIENTE FABRICA DE TABACOS INC." Manila, Philippine Islands, Manufacturers and Importers of the genuine, made in Manila "LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE" cigars, have no connection whatsoever with The Orient Tobacco Manufactory C. Ingenohl, Ltd., Hongkong, with retail shops in Shanghai and Hongkong.

ALLMAN, DAVIES AND KOPS,
Attorneys for El Oriente Fabrica de Tabacos Inc., Manila, Philippine Islands.

December 16, 1938.

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EWO COTTON MILLS, LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, an Interim Dividend has been declared for the year ending December 31, 1938 of 75 cents per share (Local Currency) on the present issued capital of the Company payable on December 30, 1938 to Shareholders on the register at that date.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from December 22 to December 30, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
EWO COTTON MILLS, LIMITED.

Shanghai, December 7, 1938.

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FOR the family—one of those new Ford 60 H.P. Deluxe Sedans.

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THE large variety of cigars, tobacco, pipes, smoking accessories and many other novelties, now on display. United Tobacco Co., 321 Szechuen Road.

13096

8 MOW vacant land on Great Western Road (near Columbia Country Club), for sale. Price reasonable. Please address Box 3659, NCDN.

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SHIRTS and pyjamas, measurements of past orders recorded. Socks, neckties, handkerchiefs and mufflers. Toyo Murakami, 270 Kiangse Road.

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ARMOUR'S Star brand (American) ham and bacon. Ham 10/11 lb. $2 per lb. Picnic Ham 4/5 lb. $2 per lb. Bacon 6/7 lb. $1.50 per lb. Apply 169 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road, Room 402, Telephone 19802.

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SIKES'S spirit hydrometer, with tables and reducing tables for sale. $150. Address Box 3680, NCDN.

FOR SALE or to let, unfurnished, large, detached residence in the French Concession, standing in a 4 mow of land. Address Box 3656, NCDN.

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WANTED by large British undertaking, foreign mechanical engineer, Briton preferred. Applicants must have sound technical training and thorough practical experience in the repair and maintenance of heavy motor vehicles and must be able to organise and control labour. Experience in body building, also knowledge of the Chinese language will be additional recommendations. Reply stating nationality, age, qualifications and experience and enclosing copies of not more than three recent testimonials. Address Box 3649, NCDN.

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DEL MONTE GREEN GROCERY
354 Avenue Foch, Telephone 39113

Christmas Sale, U.S.A. fresh cranberries, Washington delicious apples, grapes, apples, pears, turkeys.

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THE CENTRAL CLUB CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE 1938

PRIZE	*TICKET No.*
1st	472
2nd	143
3rd	372
4th	1175
5th	1237
6th	493
7th	954
8th	682
9th	979
10th	152
11th	1371
12th	892
13th	706
14th	232
15th	3
16th	557
17th	1007
18th	537
19th	476
20th	41

FONCIERE ET IMMOBILIERE DE CHINE

SOCIETE ANONYME FRANÇAISE AU CAPITAL DE TAELS 2,000,000 ENTIEREMENT VERSE ENREGISTREE AU CONSULAT GENERAL DE FRANCE A SHANGHAI SOUS LE NUMERO XI.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Debenture Registers of the Company will be closed from December 22 to December 31, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Share Office,
9 Avenue Edward VII, Shanghai.

Shanghai, December 16, 1938.

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THE SHANGHAI KEDAH PLANTATIONS, LTD.
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 20 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, December 21, 1938, at 11.45 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ended September 30, 1938, to declare a Dividend, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transact other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 16 to December 21, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, December 5, 1938.

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Christmas Gifts in Christmas Boxes

LOVELY SILK STOCKINGS

All brand new stock in our exclusive Canadian and American qualities.

SEE OUR ½ PAGE ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 13

Just Unpacked!

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Sailings every morning at 7 a.m. from the French Bund, returning the following afternoon.

RETURN FARE $25

Passengers may embark during the evening prior to departure without extra charge.

Apply for Reservations to

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NOTICE

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DAGGETT & RAMSDELL	*Cosmetics*
ERASMIC CO., LTD.	*Soaps and Perfumes*

The sole agency for China and Hongkong for the distribution of the products of the above manufacturers has been transferred from Messrs. Mustard & Co., Ltd., to

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
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Telephone 15290, Ext. No. 9

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LYCEUM THEATRE at 9 p.m.

GEORGE LE BIGOT, *Director*
Presents: LYDIA MIKITCHUK
starring for the first time in Shanghai in

"TRAVIATA"

Opera in 4 acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Monday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 28
Staged and Produced by V. CLARIN

Conductor—Maestro A. SLOUTSKY, *Ballet-Master*—F. SHEVLUGIN, *Chorus-Master*—H. SELIVANOVA, *Scenery*—C. ENFIELD

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SILK and WOOL TIES
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

These should be typed on one side of the paper only, with double spacing. Publication does not mean that the statements and arguments of the authors are necessarily endorsed by the "North-China Daily News." Correspondents desiring the return of manuscripts not accepted by the Editor are required to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Acceptance or rejection of letters is solely within the discretion of the Editor whose decision is final, and who will enter into no correspondence in connection therewith.

"Bread":

A Leader Corrected

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Regarding your interesting editorial "Bread," of December 14, may I call attention to the fact that the Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th edition (1910-11) in an article "English Bible," disagrees with your statement that after the Lord had opened the King of England's eyes in 1538, "England had secured free and untrammelled access to the Scriptures, for the next 400 years, with the exception of the brief period of Mary's reign, continued to have it." The Encyclopedia says, "the closing years of Henry VIII's reign were characterized by restrictive measures as to the reading and use of the Bible. Tyndale Version was prohibited by an act of parliament, 1543; at the same time it was enacted that all notes and marginal commentaries in oher copies should be obliterated, and that 'no woman (unless she be a noble or gentle woman), no artificers, apprentices, journey men, servingmen, under the degree of yeomen.... husbandmen or labourers' should read or use any part of the Bible under pain of fines and imprisonment.'" This could not be attributed to Henry's Romanism, for the break wih Rome had come in 1534. We read that before the break, Henry in 1530 had issued a commission of inquiry respecting the expediency and necessity of having 'in the English tongue both the New Testament and the Old,' for he 'intended to provide that the Holy Scripture shall be by great, learned and Catholic persons translated into the English tongue.'

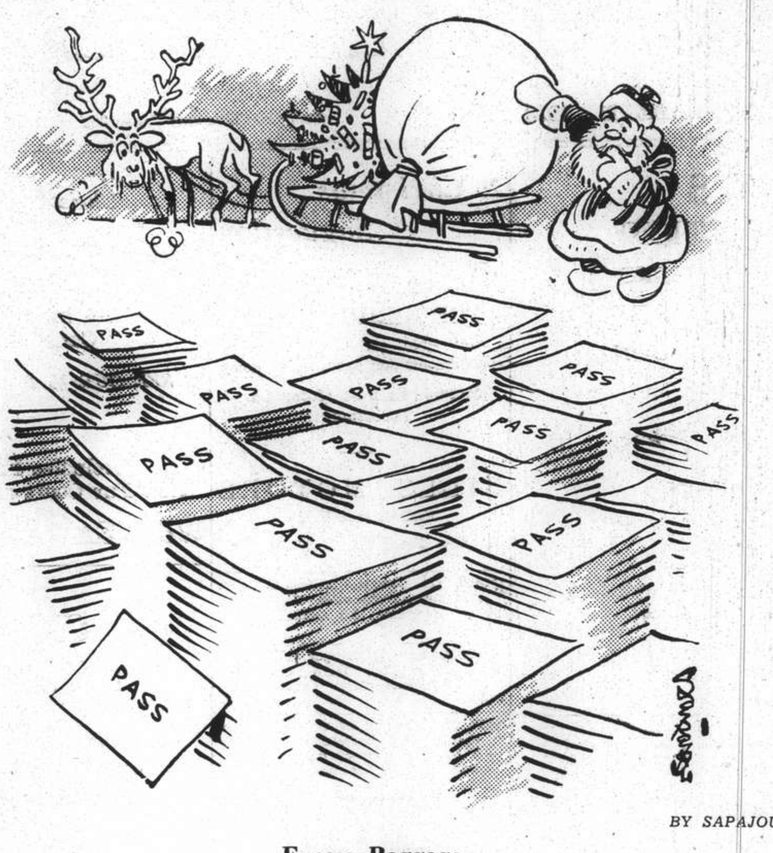
Dr. Westcott's statement that "The history of our English Bible begins with the work of Tyndale and not with that of Wycliffe" is not literally true, though it seems to be interpreted that way sometimes. Wycliffe's complete renderings of the Holy Scripture into English were more than a century ahead of Tyndale's. Wyclif got into trouble with ecclesiastical authorities because he introduced his heretical views into his work. St. Thomas More in "English Works, 233, wrote: "The whole Bible was long before his (Wycliff's) day, by virtuous and well-learned men, translated into the English tongue, and by good and godly people and with devotion and soberness, well and reverently read." Regarding the council which censured Wycliff he remarks: "It neither forbiddeth the translations to be read that were already well done of old before Wycliff's day, nor damneth his because it was new, but because it was naught; nor prohibiteth new to be made, but provideth that they shall not be read, if they be made amiss, till they be by good examination amended." This shows proper reverence for Good's word.

The Encyclopedia tells us that there were certainly in England renderings of the Bible during the 12th, 13th and early 14th centuries, but they were all in French; but that before the middle of the 14th century the entire Old Testament and the greater part of the New had been translated into the Anglo-Norman dialect of the period. Going further back we read that about the year 1000 the Gospels were rendered anew for the first time in the south of England, and that not less than seven manuscripts of these West-Saxon Gospels have come down to us. Towards the close of that century the Old Testament found a translator in Aelfric. From the 10th back to the 8th century we discover that various parts of the scriptures were translated. The first prose rendering of any part of the Bible into the vernacular of the time originated in all probability in the 8th century when the Venerable Bede, the eminent scholar and churchman, translated at least part of the Gospel of St. John.

We call attention to these historical facts lest pertinent points about the debt that more modern scholars owe to the patient toilers of the past who had to work under tremendous handicaps be forgotten.

READER.

Nanking, Dec. 17.



BY SAPAJOU

Excess Baggage

Shanghai Slandered

The Tu Quoque

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Evidently, judging by your quotations from the new publication, the author of it is quite a newcomer in our midst; and further, from his first-hand knowledge of the moral sewage of our city, may be of the membership of our modern quasi-moral pests—the "gutter missionary".

Of course, this "Sink of Iniquity", or as she had of late been renamed by a very proper person, "The Whore of Asia", never pretended to be any fit abiding place for saints, particularly from the noble Shinto-land. But, had our righteous critic gone about his job in the right way, and had firstly learned the truths about the moral gutters—shall I say—of Tokyo, he then might have shown, more convincingly, our humble incomparability in that respect.

"He who is without sin among you, let him first cast the stone!"

MORALITY PROPER.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Christmas Cards

A Use for Old Greetings

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Last year considerable use was made by the educational department of child refugee relief work of old Christmas cards donated.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's up-town and down-town shops are prepared once again this year to receive old cards sent to them and to pass them on for use by the refugee children.

E. T. N.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Refugee Babies:

Christmas Joy Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will those whose kind thoughts turn to the poor and needy at Yuletide, please remember the homeless children who may share the joyousnss of the season?

Our nursery looks after 90 babies, and in order to warm the little hearts we plan to have a Christmas tree. Contributions of toys, candies, ornaments for the tree, etc., will be gratefully received,

R. S. CHAO.
Supt, Refugee Babies' Nursery
116 Great Western Road.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF DECEMBER 21, 1878

From Amoy: "Longstop" writes in the Amoy "Gazette," respecting the Races at that port:—The ponies are going nicely, though the coffee stand (specially when ladies are there), appears to have a great attraction. Rollo is a clipper and I do not think Scamp is to be sneezed at. Nonever will make a nice hack for the summer. Cumshaw will be hard to beat. Poor Whipcord is burst up. Master Mason will do well for the banquet on Wednesday.

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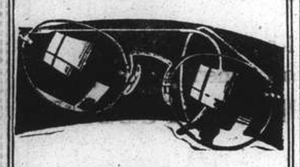

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Yangtze Situation Reviewed

Accusation of Japanese Sham Tactics Denied By Naval Spokesman ; Comment on Fisheries

BY PERCY WHITEING
"N.C.D.N." Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

CONSIDERABLE umbrage has been taken by naval circles here from statements disparaging to the Japanese navy reported to have been made on his arrival in Shanghai by an American naval officer who was on the gunboat Luzon on her recent trip down the Yangtze.

When the American warship made her voyage from Hankow to Shanghai, it was announced at the Navy Ministry here that extreme precautions had been taken to protect her from any harm, as she was being escorted by Japanese naval planes and destroyers, as well as preceded by minesweepers all the way down the river.

The American officer, however referred to (whose name has been withheld here so far) is said to have stated in Shanghai that on the way down the Yangtze the minesweepers were pretending to sweep mines where there were none to sweep, and the destroyers were shooting guns and machine-guns at imaginary enemies along the river banks, it was announced by Capt. Miyazaki, on behalf of Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, Navy spokesman, at an interview with foreign news correspondents at the Navy Ministry this morning.

Capt. Miyazaki told the "North-China Daily News" correspondent that this had been learnt from the Japanese ambassador in London, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu. He had cabled the Foreign Office in Tokyo that these statements had appeared in a London newspaper, as having been cabled from its correspondent in Shanghai. The same report also had appeared in a Shanghai newspaper (not the "North-China Daily News), he added.

The impression gained by the Navy Ministry here is that these statements were made with the intention of accusing the Japanese Navy of going through the motions of sweeping up non-existent mines and firing at non-existent guerrillas along the river banks for the purpose of making a show that dangers to navigation exist where in reality there are none, with a view to bolstering up the Japanese contention that it is impracticable as yet to allow general trading along the river by foreign mercantile vessels.

Regret Derogatory Remarks

The naval vessels which formed the escort have not reported that they took any such action, Capt. Miyazaki said. "We greatly regret such derogatory remarks about our navy by an officer of the United States navy," he continued, "as they are calculated to spoil the friendship between the two navies and react unfavourably on our own personnel. We were doing our best to show kindness and courtesy, even in a small way, to the American Navy, and cannot help but think this is rather poor thanks for our efforts."

He added that the matter is being taken up by the Japanese Foreign Office with the American naval headquarters in Shanghai. (In response to a subsequent inquiry by the "North-China Daily News" correspondent, the Foreign Office spokesman said that inquiries are being instituted, with a view to making representations to the American authorities in Shanghai).

Capt. Miyazaki said that it has been found necessary to continue the operations of the minesweepers along the river because there is no way of knowing when or where the Chinese mines appear. With the continued fall of the water in the Yanytze these mines keep bobbing up from time and present a persistent menace to navigation.

Whether the Chinese are still sending down fresh mines or not, he said, it has not been possible to ascertain with any certainty. It is believed, however, that the lower part of the Yangtze, on which foreign vessels are allowed to navigate, is free from mines. The depth of the Yangtze at Hankow is now about 15 to 16 feet, as compared with high water of about 48 feet in the summer, and is continuing to fall, he added.

Commenting on renewed reports that the American navy is preparing to construct capital ships of 40,000 to 45,000 tons, Capt. Miyazaki said there are so many rumours about naval building abroad that "we don't know what to believe, but we have our own plans which we are confident are sufficient to cope with any development—though naturally we are not going to disclose them now."

Soviet-Japanese Dispute

Opinion here continues to be extremely puzzled by the attitude of the Soviet Government toward the Japanese fishing rights along the Siberian coast, which, as reported here, seems designed to provoke the Japanese.

Not only have the Soviets refused to agree to a permanent agreement covering these flisheries, but as a preliminary to putting a temporary modus vivendi into effect for the coming year, have demanded that Japan relinquish from 75 to 80 per cent. of the fishing lots that she now holds. The reported reason is that the corresponding parts of the Siberian seaboard are needed for military purposes, and this is regarded as a very bold, if not impudent, stand for the Russians to take.

It is wondered whether they are actually trying to goad the Japanese into war, though the general opinion here is that the Russians, owing to their internal conditions, specially in the Red army, are hardly able to wage a successful war with Japan, particularly as they face the likely prospect of having to fight Germany at the other end, at the same time.

Another thesis is that the Soviets are trying to create a diversion against Japan in connection with the latter's China war, as well as encouraging the Chinese Reds at the same time, in response to the latter's constant appeals for more and better assistance in their struggle with Japan. This was the reasoning applied also to the Changkaofeng incident in the summer of this year, in part, at any rate.

Japan Cannot Accede

It is hardly necessary to say that Japan cannot accede to any such demand as to give up three-quarters or more of her fishing rights along the Siberian coast. The spokesman of the Foreign Office, Mr Tatsuo Kawai, declared yesterday that "We have no idea of accepting such a proposal, as fundamentally, under the stipulations of the Portsmouth Treaty, Japan holds the concession of the fisheries along the Siberian coast, excepting such fishing grounds as were held by the Russians, and other foreigners, at that time (1906)."

He said that at the present time the total number of these fishing grounds held by the Japanese is 386, while the Russians hold 402. The value and size of these lots vary considerably. The Japanese fishermen engaged in this industry number about 30,000, and the yearly value of the products, mainly salmon and crab, runs into Y50,000,000. While some is consumed in Japan, the bulk of the products are exported to England.

These Siberian fisheries are a part of the spoils of the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1906), and except those lots being worked by the Russians (and others if any) should belong to Japan, under the basic treaty, Mr. Kawai said that the Soviets cleverly instituted a system of yearly auctions, for the right to use the fishing grounds, in which they can bid any price they like because they only pay out of one pocket into the other as the whole thing is under control of the Soviet Government. The Japanese bidders, on the contrary, are private companies and have no such system to fall back on, and can only bid on a competitive basis in connection with world markets for such products.

Elbowing Japanese Out

The result is that the Soviets by these tactics and by continually refusing, under one pretext or another, to come to a permanent and comprehensive agreement to put the matter on a sound basis, have during several years past been elbowing the Japanese little by little out of the best fishing grounds. A frequent bone of contention has been the exchange rate as between the Japanese yen and the Russian rouble. The Soviets have insisted on the value of the rouble on the basis of their own internal rate, while the Japanese claimed the rate should be that quoted in international exchange. Hitherto some sort of compromise has been patched up from year to year.

Not only that, but year in and year out the Soviet coastguard cutters have been interfering with Japanese fishing boats, frequently taking them and their crews into custody and holding them for weeks and sometimes months. This is not only a source of annoyance and inconvenience, but incurs the loss due to their being unable to carry on their industry. The Soviets usually give as the reason that the Japanese were poaching or spying inside Russian territorial waters. Involved in this is the Russian claim that their territorial waters extend for eight miles from the shoreline, whereas the Japanese adhere to the international standard of three miles.

The foregoing is the general aspect of the situation as seen from the Japanese point of view. Regardless of the rights and wrongs involved, it has been a constant and growing source of irritation to the Japanese for years and the question is, how much longer they can, or will put up with it without taking drastic action.

Deported Arab Leaders Taken to Aden

Men May Be Selected to Attend London Parley

Mahe, Seychelles, Dec. 20.

Five Arab leaders, who were deported from Palestine to the Seychelles Islands after arrest on October 1, 1937, left the islands yesterday in a Government ship for Aden where they will arrive on December 26.

The Arab leaders expect to receive news in Aden with regard to those of them who may attend the Palestine Conference in London.

The five include Hussein Khalidi, former Mayor of Jerusalem, and Faud Saba, Secretary of the out-lawed Arab Higher Committee.—Reuter.

North China's New Government

Desire to Establish "Elder" Statesman as Executive to Popularize Administration

This is the second of a series of articles, written by Mr. W. Lewisohn, Peiping correspondent of the "North-China Daily News," on conditions in North China, since his return from abroad. The first appeared on December 11.

Peiping, Dec. 6.

In my previous article I mentioned the view held in some circles that the Japanese would be unable to suppress the guerillas and maintain a hold on North China, unless they increased their garrisons all over the countryside to a very considerable extent. Such a policy might prove extremely costly and might not be very popular in Japan.

A simpler and less costly approach to the problem is being sought by the Japanese. They believe that, if a Chinese government could be set up for North China with some popular personage at its head around whom public opinion would rally, then the countryside would turn against the guerillas and conditions rapidly return to normal.

Certain foreigners who have resided here for a number of years are of the opinion that such a solution is quite feasible. They point out that it would be merely reverting to the situation that existed in the Twenties when a *de jure* Chinese government in the north was fighting a revolutionary government in the south. Such a view, however, would seem to leave out of account that conditions in China have altered very considerably in the meantime. In the Twenties it was a direct struggle between north and south, Chinese versus Chinese.

But much has happened in the last fifteen years. Chinese national feeling has grown enormously and has not in any way been lessened by the events of the last sixteen months. It seems slightly optimistic to hope that the clock could be put back quite so easily and that the populace of North China would rally quite so enthusiastically round a government which it knew was taking its orders from Japan.

Two Japanese Parties

Anyhow that seems to be latest Japanese plan, which is not so very new after all. For it is the same idea that Gen. Doihara has been repeatedly trying to carry into execution ever since 1931. During the last few months an intense struggle is said to have been going on behind the scenes in Japanese military circles between two parties with two opposite sets of ideas. On the one hand, there is this plan of Gen. Doihara for an independent state of North China (probably to be called Huapeikuo) leaving the other parts of China with their own separate governments.

On the other, is the plan of Colonel Kiat supported by Lieut.-Gen. Terauchi, Commander-in-Chief in North China and the patron of the Young Officer party, which sponsors a Federal Government for the whole of China with Wang Keh-min as chief executive. As it is now reported that Gen. Terauchi has been recalled and Gen. Sugiyama, a patron of Doihara, has taken his place, it looks as if the latter's plan had won the day in Tokyo.

Bargain Counters

Curiously enough, some quarters here believe that this plan has won out on account of its moderation. It is argued that, in the admittedly very improbable event of Japan being unable to bring the war to a completely satisfactory conclusion and to dominate the whole of China, she could still hold on to North China and come to terms by using the other temporary governments in South China and the Yangtze Valley as bargain counters.

Whereas, if she had once formed a federal government for the whole of China, she would be unable to retreat at all without complete loss of prestige. Other observers, however, are probably nearer the mark, when they ascribe the triumph of Gen. Doihara's plans, less to their moderation, than to the unwillingness of Japanese commanders in other parts of China to have their powers limited by the establishment of a central government ruling from Peiping.

The immediate difficulty of Gen. Doihara's plan has been, as always, to find a suitable person for the post of chief executive of the new state. Unless a really outstanding personage could be found round whom popular opinion was likely to rally, there would be little chance of the new state proving any more successful than under the present stopgap government. He is said to have had two candidates in mind: Gens. Wu Pei-fu and Chin Yün-peng. Gen. Wu is, of course, much the more famous character and would be the greatly preferred choice. Once upon a time he played an important part on the Chinese political stage and, until his defeat and eclipse in 1927.

The Japanese may still fall back on Gen. Chin Yün-peng. But he is a person of little weight and is almost unknown to the general public; his chief claim to fame being that he was Premier for a few months under one of the Northern administrations in 1920-21. If he or some other second-rate person were to become head of the new state, the position would not be much altered from what it is at present, and the pacification of the north will not have been brought any nearer.

Tribute Paid to Slain Chinese General

Heroism Held Up As Model For Whole People

Chungking, Dec. 20.

A very high tribute was paid today to General Fan Chu-sien and his son, who were killed in action in west Shantung province. Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government, paid the tribute.

According to an official report received here from Admiral Shen Hung-lieh, Governor of Shantung, General Fan Chu-sien was killed while defending Liaochen, in west Shantung, against a Japanese attack. He was killed near the north gate when the city fell.

Last August, continues the report, when the general and his troops participated in an attack on Tsinan, the general's son, who was only 18-year old, led the "Dare to Die" youth corps and was killed while storming the Japanese positions.

Last year, the report adds, General Fan Chu-sien and his troops remained on the north bank of the Yellow River in west Shantung and resisted the Japanese for over a year.

Mr. Lin Sen urged the Chinese populace not only to respect those who have already made the "supreme sacrifice," but said that they must be prepared to follow in their footsteps.—Reuter.

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Japanese Aims in China Now Clear

American Newspaper In Tokyo Comments On Arita Statement

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Commenting on the statement made by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, to foreign correspondents yesterday, the American-owned "Japan Advertiser" remarks that the prepared official statement of Japan's policy governng the establishment of a "new order in Asia;" is important because it is the first official elaboration on this subject, although the main lines are already well-known.

In Mr. Arita's reiteration of "Japan's inflexible resolution to carry out her policy," the "Japan Advertiser" points out, the Foreign Minister officially explains, for the first time, the relation of Japan and the new tri-partite bloc with other world Powers, stressing that other world Powers would be subjected to certain restrictions dictated by the requirements of national defence and economic security of the countries under the "new order."

From the viewpoint of those Powers, says the paper, Mr. Arita's statement that Japan believes in equality of opportunity must be regarded as at "variance with his subsequent explanation that 'restrictions' are to be applied to other Powers in so far as their economic activities are concerned in relation to national defence and security of the new tri-partite bloc."

"The far-reaching changes envisaged," the paper continues, "were revealed by Mr. Arita's remarks that he expected New China would gradually seek abolition of extraterritoriality, foreign concessions and lease holds.

Meanwhile, "Mr. Arita's verbal statement in relation to the reported British and American loans to the Chiang Kai-shek regime, is one of the most outspoken ever made by any Japanese Foreign Minister to foreign correspondents."

The "Japan Advertiser" concludes with the statement that Mr. Arita is an exponent of a positive policy, which the Powers interested in China will watch with increasing concern.—Reuter.

REPLACING the Hsuchow Peace Maintenance Commission a Hsuchow City Government will be inaugurated on Chinese New Year's Day to govern the strategic city at the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai Railways, according to a Chinese report yesterday. Simultaneous with the Hsuchow City Government, a Hsuchow District Court and a Hsuchow and Haichow Taoyin's Yamen will be established, the report added.

Press Mission to Italy And Germany Returns

Japanese Journalists on Way Back Home

Thirteen Japanese journalists, members of the Japanese Press Goodwill Mission to Italy and Germany, arrived here on the last leg of their homeward journey on board the N.Y.K. European liner Haruna Maru yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Headed by Mr. Takeshi Azuma, the party visited the battlefields in the Shanghai area following a round of courtesy calls on the Japanese military and official authorities and civilian leaders.

On the same boat were 23 members of the Manchoukuo Goodwill Mission to Europe also on their way home.

Coolie Seriously Injured In Fall from Scaffolding

A coolie was seriously injured at 8.35 o'clock yesterday morning, when he fell from scaffolding of a building at 140 Macao Road. He was rushed to the Paulun Hospital in an emergency ambulance, his injuries being diagnosed as lacerations of the face.

Anxiety Felt Regarding Pastor Niemoeller

Berlin, Dec. 20.

Anxiety is felt among the followers of Pastor Niemoeller, former U-boat Commander, now imprisoned in Sachsenhausen concentration camp, following reports that he is seriously ill. His parishioners have had no news from him for nearly a month.—Reuter.

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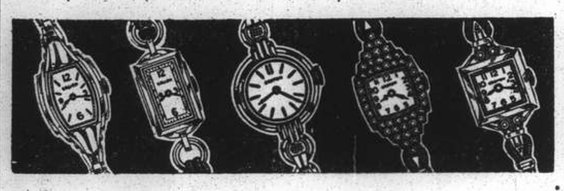

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DEATHS

GODKIN.—On December 16, 1938, at Tel-Aviv, Palestine, aged 69, Mrs. VERA GODKIN, beloved mother of Mrs. R. I. Hope and J. D. Godkin and S. Godkin of Shanghai.

LOCKYER.—On Monday, December 19, 1938, suddenly, at his residence, 1690 Avenue Joffre, AUSTIN EDMUND ("Shorty") LOCKYER, aged 57 years, the dearly-beloved husband of Jane Russell Lockyer. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services (cremation) will be held today, Wednesday, December 21, at the Bubbling Well Chapel, at 4 p.m. (It is requested that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to The Cradle, 296 Route Winling or the Salvation Army, 422 North Soochow Road.) 13121

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. H. BROWETT wishes to express her deep appreciation of the sympathy extended to her in her recent bereavement by all her friends and to thank them for the flowers and donations to charity given in memory of her late husband. 13129

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. DA SILVA and family wish to thank their friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers sent during their recent bereavement. -6954

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

MR. ARITA FAILS

Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, deceives himself if he believes for one moment that his latest statement concerning Japanese policy with regard to China carries any real conviction. His declaration consists of words rendered entirely meaningless by the facts which are all too well known, facts which eloquently deny the statements he makes. His claim that it is for the benefit of the Chinese people themselves and the whole of East Asia to lift China from its present semi-colonial status to the position of a modern state, might be correct if the premises were accepted. They cannot be. China has not occupied a semi-colonial status; it had about it all the attributes of sovereignty and was making very substantial improvement until Japan embarked upon what Mr. Arita appears to believe is an uplifting mission. But the whole statement is unconvincing when read in the light of the facts which pertain at the moment. Whatever may be the declared intention of the Japanese Government, the facts show that they or their agents are bent upon a policy of definite exploitation of China, its people and its natural resources. The establishment of various monopolistic concerns, which has been reported from time to time in these columns, is clear proof of the contention that there is indeed no highly inspired intention of elevating China to something greater than she was achieving herself, but of maintaining her in a degree of political and economic subjection without which this expensive military venture can never be made to return a profit. Why, if such is not the intention, are these monopolies being established? To claim that it is being done for the good of China is absurd in the extreme, for neither the facts nor some statements of responsible Japanese officials support it. Is it to be wondered at, that declarations such as these are welcomed with just that type of derision which they so eminently deserve? Not all the pleasant phrasing in the world will help to change convictions which are based upon what is actually happening, and if ever there were one, this is a case in which soft words butter no parsnips.

Mr. Arita is no more convincing when he refers to the formation of the economic bloc. "If" he says, "by economic bloc is meant the exclusion of all interests other than those of the parties directly concerned, the employment of the term is wholly improper in the present case." If Mr. Arita is to be taken as implying that exclusion of other interests is not even now taking place, he is either completely misinformed as to what is happening in China or he is handling the truth somewhat indelicately. The history of what has been happening in Tientsin, Chefoo, and Tsingtao for months past, the wilful disregard of obligations to reopen the Yangtze, the all-round discrimination which is being exercised against most of the third party neutrals provide ample proof that Mr. Arita's bland explanations are wholly incongruous with the facts. What is happening daily in Tsingtao alone would be sufficient to nullify his contentions, but where the practice of discrimination, generally under the glib excuse of "military necessity," is as widespread as it is in the portion of China occupied by the Japanese the conclusion is inevitable that either Mr. Arita does not mean what he says, or does not say what he means. He is reported as saying, "It is far from Japan's thought to aim at excluding European and American economic activities from east Asia." He does, however, add somewhat later that within certain limits the "economic activities of countries which lie outside the limits of east Asia would have to be regulated," and the average neutral will be forgiven if he believes that all that Japan has been doing clearly shows that his activities are if possible to be regulated out of existence. That is most certainly the conclusion to be drawn from present day trends, and it is entirely for the Japanese to prove that that conclusion is incorrect. That would necessitate a complete reversal of the policies which are now being applied, and it has been made quite plain by acts that that is the last thing which the Japanese Government contemplates.

If it is believed that Mr. Arita's gentle blandishments are likely to stem the rising tide of indignation which is being felt in many quarters, disappointment must follow. It is made quite clear by the latest statements made in the House of Commons, and the British Press that the cumulation of wrongs committed by Japan against British interests is leading to a very proper stiffening of the attitude of the British Government. The same is happening in the United States. It is reflected in the latest decisions to extend credits to China, a very wise step as well as a neutral one. It is necessary that Japan should realize that there are limits to foreign patience over the manner in which treaty obligations, and more recent assurances, have been disregarded, and belied by the actions of the Japanese authorities in China. Regrettable as it would be if it were done, the application of treatment to Japanese interests similar to that which is being applied to neutral economic interests in China may prove the one means by which it is possible to bring home to Japan a realization of the manner in which she is offending all the canons of international morality. Such a thing can be done, and there is a rapidly strengthening opinion in favour of such a step. That it would worsen international relations, which are already bad, must be admitted, but the time when a contribution to the establishment of better conditions should be made by Japan has long been overdue. With all the best intentions in the world it is impossible to credit Japan with bona fides in the face of what she is actually doing in China. Mr. Arita has signally failed to explain away any of the very real grievances which foreign neutrals have against his government and its policies. He cannot hope for success in this direction until there has been a very decided change in Japanese behaviour in China, and a resort to the honourable practice of meeting obligations instead of deliberately ignoring so very patent a responsibility.

Mr. Chamberlain's Speech

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in defence of his foreign policy, in the House of Commons on Monday, is as remarkable for its magnanimity as it is for its courage. He answered his critics with very apparent strength, and there should now be no misunderstanding as to what he proposes to do next. That he still believes in the possibility of general appeasement is amply demonstrated; that he will continue to work for its success he has again emphasized. His reference to Anglo-German relations is of particular importance, as recognizing one outstanding fact which has been seized upon by his critics as a sign of the failure of the Munich Pact. It has been many times remarked since the signing of that document that Germany has done nothing to implement it. It is not sufficient to agree upon the desire for peace; it is eminently desirable that all should work for it, and up to the present Germany has made no contribution, or even officially indicated any wish to do so. The general impression formed is that Germany is waiting to see what further concessions can be secured from Britain in the interests of peace, and Mr. Chamberlain has made it clear that there is very little more to be forthcoming. He is waiting for a sign from those who speak for the German people that they do in fact share his desire for peace, and that they are prepared to make their contribution towards that end. His warning that it would be a tragic blunder for the world to mistake British love for peace and their faculty for compromise for weakness is important. If war is forced upon Great Britain she may be depended upon to accept the challenge with all the enormous strength which she has at her command. That the speech has had a favourable reception in Berlin and Rome may be taken as one of the more hopeful signs, but a great deal more will be necessary before there will be brought about that change of sentiment without which the peace of the world must always remain unstable. How that change is to be brought about still remains to be seen, though it is perfectly plain that it will not be secured merely by concession to demands which, however justified they may be, by reason of the injustices wrought in the past, cannot now be corrected by retracing steps already taken.

Christmas Near

With the approach of Christmas there will be many people expressing the common wish that there will be snow and ice and that it will be a "white Christmas" in keeping with tradition. This sentiment accords with the views of Charles Dickens, who has been accused of inventing Christmas, and of the Christmas card manufacturers, whose efforts deprived of snow and other effects would be poor and discouraging. In Europe the wish is being realized. From England to Bulgaria the continent is in the grip of a bitter winter with Germany recording the lowest December temperature in 80 years and complaining that it is so cold that there is interference with Christmas shopping. London is shivering under icy blasts and snowfalls and the passengers on one Channel steamer had to make three crossings before landing on *terra firma* was possible. In Shanghai, the temperature is dropping and both in appearance and meteorologically it looked as if snow were possible yesterday after two or three days of cold and miserable drizzle. All indications point to a fulfilment of the wish and that Christmas will fulfil time-honoured expectations. But while warming oneself before the crackling yule logs, the coal fire or the modern equivalent, the radiator or power heater, it would be charitable to think that the beautiful trappings in which Christmas appears to those who are well-fed and comfortable brings cold and suffering to those who are not, and celebrations of this Christian festival, with its attributes of fellowship and generosity, will not overlook the needs of others. China, like many other countries in the world, is ending the year in suffering and with millions of people homeless and hungry. The duty of the Christian is plain and needs no exposition. Give to your families and friends to demonstrate love and friendship, but also give to others whose only knowledge and belief is that humanity is not as cruel as events of the past year would indicate.

Japanese Budget

The figures which have been published in the Japanese press relative to the latest Budget are interesting, not only because of the fact that at about Yen 10,000,000,000 it is the largest Budget the Japanese Government has had to meet, but also because of the deductions which can be made showing what the hostilities in China are costing the country. The general budget total has been fixed at Yen 3,694,000,000 so that it may be concluded that the conduct of the war in China will it is estimated cost something over Yen 6,000,000,000 for the year. Various estimates have been made as to how much the Japanese venture into China is costing her, and the sum of Yen 10,000,000 has been freely accepted as representing the daily outlay. It is clear that that figure has been a very decided underestimate and that a sum of Yen 16,000,000 more nearly represents what Japan is spending in China each day. It is believed that the total amount of bond issues required during the next twelve months will be in the neighbourhood of Yen 7,000,000,000. According to the "Chugai Shogyo" the finance department of the Japanese Government contemplates the increase of revenue from taxation by Yen 200,000,000 though this will not, apparently, be sufficient to meet the interest charges on the new issues, and it is possible that sooner or later a radical reform in the system of taxation will be necessary to bring in the needed amount. As it is, it is believed that there will be substantial increases in the commodity tax on a list of 55 articles such as neckties, hats, precious metal goods, etc., which at present is already bringing in Yen 55,000,000, while in some quarters it is believed that new taxes will be imposed upon tea, coffee, cocoa and other drinks, upon kimono and obi costing more than Yen 20, and increase in the tax on saké. It is reported by the same journal that new taxes may be imposed upon town gas, and electric light charges exceeding a certain limit and that the authorities contemplate an increase in the temporary profits tax in addition to two new imposts in the nature of a residence tax and levy upon luxury cuisine. It is clear from the size of the totals quoted that serious inroads have not yet been made into Japan's financial resources, for, if she continues to fight in China for another year, she will have spent something in the neighbourhood of Yen 15,000,000,000 since the outbreak of the "incident." When it is remembered that Japanese statesmen have claimed the ability of their country to fight a war costing as much as Yen 50,000,000,000 it is apparent that Japan has still plenty of resources available.

IN PARENTHESIS

Irish Mathematics

PAT had returned from the fair, where he had enjoyed himself tremendously in company with some friends, and was telling his pal Mike all about it.

"There was Dooley and his missus—that's two. Don O'Connor—that's three. An' then there was Patsy Murphy."

"You were saying there were five of ye," said Mike, "but it's four you've counted."

Pat rubbed his head. "Bedad," he muttered, "I was thinking there was five of us altogither—well, now, the fifth never turned up, after all."

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For the Morrow

As the venerable Negro passed under the window on his way home, the mistress intercepted him. "You are not quitting now, are you, Uncle Henry?"

"Yes'm, I's gwine home now."

"But why? It isn't 5 o'clock yet, and you can easily finish the work this evening if you just go on and do it."

"Yas'm. Yas'm, I knows dat. But what's de use ob hurrying? Dar's nudder day ter-morrow what ain't neber been tetched yit."

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The Secret

A TEACHER noticed that one of her pupils was being dreadfully teased by the other little boys during playtime, and drew near to the group to hear what was happening.

"Come on, Bill," they were insisting, "tell us what your father is." But the child remained obstinately silent.

She decided that she had better interfere, and breaking up the group, took little Bill aside.

"Why wouldn't you answer their question?" she asked gently.

At first Bill would not reply, but in the end it seemed to be almost a relief to him, and he burst out: "Father's the bearded lady in a circus, miss, so, of course, I couldn't say."

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But I have wandered. A photograph of celebrations in Cairo reminded me of an occasion when I heard the bagpipe band of an Egyptian infantry regiment—and very nice, too, for bagpipe lovers.

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THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

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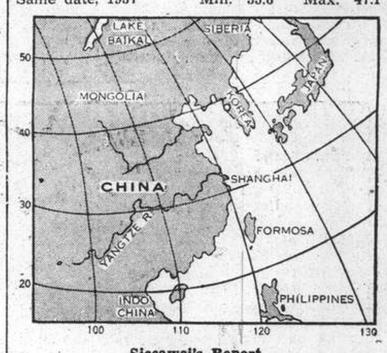

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 19th:—Rather high and steady pressures over China. Fine weather and variable breezes in the north. Rainy with rather strong northerly to north-easterly winds in the centre and over our regions. Rain and strong northerly to easterly winds over the Yellow Sea and the Eastern Sea.

State on the morning of the 20th:—Steady anticyclone over China.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, cloudy weather with variable breezes over northern China. Overcast with rain or snow and winds from the north-eastern quadrant over central China and our regions. Overcast with showers and abating north-easterly monsoon over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Britain Will Defend Rights in China

Numerous Representations Made to Japanese Over Shanghai Joint Chamber Protest Note; Yangtze Declared Not Dangerous for Traffic

London, Dec. 20.

"IN face of forces which have been loosed simultaneously in the Far East and Europe, you cannot expect this Government, to secure satisfaction for any claim, as it arises under such abnormal conditions." This statement was made by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, when referring to matters in the Far East in the course of his speech in the House of Commons yesterday. The Premier declared that the sufferings inflicted on the Chinese population far exceeded in scale the Spanish tragedy, and the opportunities for alleviation were much less.

"Our own long-established interests in China have inevitably suffered serious material loss during this conflict," Mr. Chamberlain added. "All that you can expect is that everything which is possible to be done shall be done, and that no claim and no interests shall be overlooked. I want to assure the House that that is being done, that we are defending our rights, and that we are not prepared to deny either of the combatants the normal relations which they are entitled to expect from a friendly Power."

Referring to the loan to China from the United States, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I understand that this loan is credit, designed to facilitate United States exports to China.

"In principle, His Majesty's Government would be very glad if it were found possible to facilitate certain United Kingdom exports to China in the same way. That is a question which will be considered sympathetically when the Exports Guarantees Bill has been passed.

"In the meantime, we can only await the outcome of the hostilities in the Far East, while watching closely for any opportunity which might enable us to assist in bringing it to an end upon fair and reasonable terms."

In his speech following that of the Premier, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal leader, declared that he found it difficult to reconcile the Premier's statement and policy with the League resolution to which Great Britain was a party.

Numerous Representations

Numerous representations have already been made to the Japanese authorities with regard to the joint statement issued by the British, French and American Chambers of Commerce, and the national associations of eight countries represented in Shanghai, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

The statement, which complained of Japanese restrictions on foreign trade, had only just been received by the Foreign Office, and so he was not in a position to make a full statement on the matter, Mr. Butler added.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, (Conservative member for the Kidderminster Division of Worcestershire), who posed the question which elicited Mr. Butler's remarks, asked: "Isn't this the first time that all the trade associations, representing various countries, have joined together in a note to protest at the position of the trade of foreigners in Shanghai?"

Mr. Butler: "Yes, I believe that is so."

Yangtze Shipping Question

Questions on many different aspects of the situation in China, again reflecting members' anxiety over the prospects for foreign trade, were asked in the course of yesterday's session of the House.

Commander Arthur Marsden, Conservative member for the Chertsey Division of Surrey, and Captain Alan Graham, Conservative member for the Wirral Division of Cheshire, asked whether Mr. Butler was aware that Japanese merchant shipping was plying freely up and down the Yangtze, but that no Japanese cargo vessel had yet met with misfortune owing to drifting mines, alleged by the Japanese to be the objection to the re-opening of the river to British shipping.

Mr. Butler replied that advertisement notices of sailings appeared in the Chinese language press in Shanghai, providing evidence that Japanese steamers were trading on the Yangtze.

Gaimusho to Revise Issue

The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, (Mr. Hachiro Arita), had now undertaken to give further consideration to the matter, in the light of the fresh evidence which Sir Robert Craigie, (British Ambassador in Tokyo), had placed before him.

The Japanese Government, in their Note to the British Government, delivered on November 14, stated that a Japanese transport, recently sunk by mines, appeared to be an isolated instance of the dangers to shipping on the Yangtze.

Hongkew Anomaly

Mr. Adrian Moreing, Conservative member for Preston, asked whether the Premier had been informed of the attitude of the Japanese authorities in "allowing Japanese soldiers in the Yangtzepoo District to sell entire buildings cheaply for breaking up, and for the sale of bricks outside the area, demanding large

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Shanghai Traders Want Swift Move

British Government Urged to Retaliate Tokyo Restrictions

London, Dec. 20.

The decisions of the Committee of British businessmen, who conferred with Sir Archibald Kerr, British Ambassador to China, and Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the British Asiatic Fleet, in Shanghai last week-end, are revealed today by the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" on the basis of a private report received in London.

The Committee, says the correspondent, unanimously agreed that a "policy of laissez-faire, passive resistance or co-operation with the Japanese," would bring destruction to British interests as its only result.

They advocated, the correpondent adds, a retaliatory action.

They, themselves, touched on a denunciation of the trade agreement, he declares, but whatever the Government intended to do, they declared, must be done quickly.

"Federal" Regime Dangerous

Should the Japanese establish a puppet federal government, he states, the businessmen felt that their difficulties would only increase, for, according to their information, the Japanese would use such a Government for eliminating foreign interests.

Finally, says the correspondent, the Committee requested "immediate and definite advice" of the British Government's plans.

Turning to the statement made by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister yesterday, the diplomatic correspondent says that it is being carefully considered at White Hall.

On the face of it, he adds, the statement seems bleak and uncompromising but further details are being awaited from Tokyo.—Reuter.

"Vigorous Commonsense"

"The Times" today finds that the passage in which Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, spoke of China in his speech in the House of Commons yesterday, is equal to his others in its "vigorous commonsense."

After paraphrasing Mr. Chamberlain's main points, "The Times" remarks that there can be no doubt that both the interest and outlook of the United States and Great Britain, regarding the conflict between China and Japan, are so similar as to be almost identical.—Reuter.

China's "Back Door"—the new road from Burma to Kunming.

Australian Democracy Now Menaced

National Effort Needed to Prevent Disintegration

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Melbourne, Dec. 20.

Australian democracy is menaced from without and within, and a national effort is needed to prevent the disintegration seen elsewhere, declared Mr. Joseph Lyons, the Prime Minister, yesterday.

Mr. Lyons was inaugurating a campaign of the Australian Defence League in Victoria.

"Some nations do not now heed words, which must be backed by armed strength, "he declared. War was already operating in the world, Mr. Lyons stated, and no one could set a limit as to where it would strike next.—Reuter.

Spain Mediation Plan Rejected at Lima

Lima, Dec. 19.

The Agenda Committee of the Pan-American Conference today rejected the plan upon mediation in Spain presented by the Cuban delegation. Only Mexico and Haiti voted in favour of bringing the whole matter up before the Conference.—Havas.

No Recognition For Any Change Of China Pacts

Commons Assurances; British Credits Move Shows Hardening View

London, Dec. 20.

Referring to Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, and the Nine Power Treaty, in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, declared that Lord Halifax was aware of various statements made in the Press but no official communication had been received on the subject.

The attitude of the British Government, Mr. Butler continued, was that they could not subscribe to any modification of the existing treaties by unilateral action.

There was no clause in the Nine-Power Pact, Mr. Butler went on, limiting its period of validity, in answer to a question by Mr. David Adams, Labour member for the Consett Division of Durham.

He declared that it was not the Government's present intention to call the Brussels Conference together at an early date.

Use of British China Credits

It is understood here that the bulk, if not the whole, of the British credits for China will be used for the purchase of motor lorries, intended mainly for use on the Burma-Yunnan highway, states Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent. An order for these lorries, he declares, has already been placed.

Meanwhile, the closest attention is being paid in London to the situation in Tientsin, where the Japanese are controlling the movement of Chinese in and out of the foreign concessions.

The Japanese action, according to official circles here, appears to be prompted by the uneasiness of the situation created at their rear by the Chinese guerillas.

There is reason to believe, it is stated, that the attitude adopted by the Japanese "caused annoyance not only to Great Britain and France, but also to Germany and Italy."

Further Credits Expected

The newspapers generally give prominence to Great Britain's decision to extend credits to China.

Reuter understands that the preliminary amount of these credits has been definitely fixed at £500,000 sterling, to be available immediately, without waiting for the passage of the new Export Credits Bill, which cannot be drawn up before February.

This, however, is in nowise expected to be the limit of the credits to be placed at China's disposal by Great Britain.

There is no question, at present, of a loan to support China's currency, as reported in some papers, Reuter declares.

For the moment, China's favourable trade balance appears sufficient support for her currency, it is stated, but, if the necessity arises, and a slump in the Chinese dollar threatens, the possibility of China being granted straight financial help is certainly on the cards, Reuter understands.

China's determination to develop her untapped resources in the West and South West convert these regions into a flourishing state, as evidenced by the recent opening of branches of the Bank of China at Hanoi, Haiphong, Rangoon and Batavia, it is further understood.

Boycott in Scouth Seas

These, it is stated, also indicate China's resolve to attack Japan's trade in the South Seas, where already the anti-Japanese boycott is reported to be more effective than anywhere else.

Apart from the development of motor lorry transport on the Burma-Yunnan road, the Chinese are said to be anxious to induce the Burma Government to complete the Burma railroad from Katha, the present railhead, situated 100 miles to the west of the Burma-Yunnan boundary.

Chinese circles here stress the commercial advantage for Burma in linking up with the railways of West China, which are now starting to be developed, instead of coming to a dead-end.

This project, Chinese circles emphasize, is actually quite an old scheme, though it was brought into actuality by recent events.

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Stockholm Adopts Air Raid Precautions

Stockholm is adopting air raid precautions of an entirely different character. Considering that rubbish, packing cases, boxes and other inflammable material filling cellars and attics are a fire danger in case of raids, the city is being searched and huge piles of rubbish taken outside and burnt at the expense of the Swedish insurance companies. Here is one of the piles ablaze.

China Granted Facilities to Obtain U.S. Currency

Extension of Monetary Accord for Silver Buying And Gold Deposit Announced in Washington

Washington, Dec. 19.

BY virtue of the Sino-American monetary accord, China can obtain U.S. dollars in giving guarantees based upon the depôts of Chinese gold kept in the United States, the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry J. Morgenthau, Jr., announced here today. He specified that the new agreement concluded between the U.S. and China was an extension of the July 9, 1937, accord signed by the two Powers.

In his declaration he also stressed that the Central Bank of China had already obtained, under certain conditions safeguarding the interests of both countries, some credits in U.S. dollars to facilitate a stabilization of exchange in China. Their monetary accord would continue in effect for a new period after December 31, this year. Mr. Morgenthau refused to indicate the extent of the new period and the origin of the gold upon which the U.S. dollar advances may be made.

He limited himself to declaring that the gold was at present deposited in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

He added, "We are advancing credits to a friendly nation."

Asked if the gold serving as guarantee had been obtained by sales of Chinese silver to the U.S., Mr. Morgenthau refused to reply directly but asserted the gold was China's and that China could use it how she wished.

"Our Door Wide Open"

The Treasury Secretary referred to Japan also as a "friendly nation" and said, "Our door is wide open," when asked whether he envisaged granting credits similar to those advanced China, to Japan.

Diplomatic quarters here voiced no surprise today over the declaration made by Japanese Foreign Minister Arita regarding the grant of U.S. export credits to China, which he termed "inopportune" and "ill-advised."

They declared that the new opening of credit facilities to China, was the best reply to the veiled threat contained in the Japanese Minister's statement.

The Open Door policy in China remains the basis of the United States' Far Eastern policies and the U.S. Government will continue to accord China all the advantages that a sovereign State can receive, these diplomats added.

At the same time, the U.S. Government will continue to defend their interests and privileges in China against any Japanese encroachments.

China still has at her disposal large quantities of silver, of which Washington remains the chief buyer. The U.S. has enough deposits of Chinese gold to serve as guarantees for any American loans or advances.

American financial quarters have apparently decided to continue their past policies with regard to China, thus favouring U.S. interests there.

It was held probable here that officials would stay silent with regard to Japan until such time as Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, returned here on a visit and gave them full information. After his personal reports are carefully studied, the Government will be able to determine their definite Far Eastern policy these diplomatic quarters concluded.—Havas.

Berlin Sees "Game Of Gold Bullets"

British, U.S. Credits to China May Result in New Problem for Tokyo

Berlin, Dec. 20.

"The Game with Golden Bullets" is the "National Zeitung" heading to a message regarding the British Government's intention to grant to China credit loans.

All the papers display great interest in the news of Britain's granting credit to China, publishing long extracts from the London Sunday papers.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," speculating on the outcome of the British loans, states that they will prove a most important factor in the progress of the war, whether these loans are only an isolated measure, or represent the beginning of more energetic help for China.

In any event, the paper states, Tokyo will watch the negotiations with great attention.

If the loan goes further, and "the Anglo-Saxons take over the financing of General Chiang Kai-shek, and supply him with war material, then the Japanese General Staff will find itself presented with a new situation," the journal declares.

"Supporters of the strategy of wearing down the enemy will lose ground, and to them also a battering down must take the place of undermining as the method of warfare.

"Then, the time for heavy military blows must come again, and a new advance westward into Hunan and toward Chungking must be started."—Reuter.

New U.S.-Turkey Trade Accord Announced

New York, Dec. 20.

A provisional Trade Agreement between the United States and Turkey is announced.—Reuter.

Cold Wave Intensifies Over All Europe; Bitter Pre-Christmas Spell Expected

Eighty-Year Records Broken; Many Persons Frozen To Death in Balkans; London Has Heavy Snowfall

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 20.

The cold yesterday was even more intense than on the previous day.

There appears to be no prospect of a change for at least 48 hours.

It is likely that this will be the most bitter pre-Christmas spell for twenty years.

In most parts of London, snow fell heavily yesterday, though icy winds prevented it from settling.

Cold weather, accompanied by a gale, descended upon the English Channel.

A total of 120 passengers, who boarded a cross-Channel steamer at Ostend yesterday, crossed the Channel three times before they were able to land at Dover, nineteen hours after embarking.

Within two hours yesterday, four deaths from cold were reported to the South-end police.

Car radiators froze while the cars were actually travelling on the road.—Reuter.

Ten Frozen in Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Sofia, Dec. 20.

Ten persons were frozen to death yesterday in Bulgaria, which was swept by a blizzard of extraordinary intensity.

Communications throughout the entire country were interrupted, and shipping in the Black Sea, where a terrific gale is blowing, is at a standstill.

Snow eight feet deep covers the mountains.—Reuter.

Cold Wave Breaks Records

London, Dec. 20.

The cold wave which has already broken records of 80 years' standing intensified throughout Europe today, causing at least 200 deaths and widespread suffering.

Communications and transportation services have been severely crippled, particularly in eastern Europe and the Balkans.

North Sea shipping was virtually paralyzed this morning, while England was suffering the lowest temperatures experienced in the past nine years.

Monday was the coldest day in Berlin in 80 years, with a temperature of one degree below zero.

Seventy people who died in Rodz, Poland, were reported to have been frozen to death. The cold snap was also blamed for the outbreak of influenza among the 5,000 Polish Jews encamped on the Polish frontier. A total of 600 of these unfortunates were reported to have contracted the disease, while ten of them were reported to have gone insane.

Ten persons have died in Rumania as the result of the bitter weather, five in Hungary, six in France and seventeen in England.—United Press.

Labour Censure Motion Defeated 340 to 143

London, Dec. 19.

The House of Commons rejected by a vote of 340 to 143 the motion of censure of the Government's foreign policy tabled by the Labour Party.—Havas.

British Newspaper Regulations

No Publication in Any But English Language Without Ambassador's Consent

The following King's Regulations, relative to the publication of newspapers, pamphlets or other publications in any language but the English was exhibited on the notice board of H.M. Consulate-General yesterday afternoon, whereupon it immediately came into force.

The following Regulations made by His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, and approved by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, are hereby declared to be urgent and published for general information.

ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR.

King's Regulations made under Article 209 and issued under Article 212 of "The China Order-in-Council, 1925."

1. These Regulations are declared to be urgent.

2. No British Subject or Corporation shall print or publish or cause to be printed or published, or be in anywise concerned with the printing or publishing of, any newspaper, pamphlet or other publication in any language, other than the English language, without the written consent of His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador in China first had and obtained.

3. Such consent as aforesaid shall be within the absolute discretion of His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador and in granting the same he may impose such conditions as he shall, in his absolute discretion, think fit.

4. If any British Subject or Corporation shall contravene the provisions of Article two hereof, or any condition imposed as aforesaid, such British Subject or Corporation and every director, manager, secretary and other officer of such Corporation who is knowingly a party thereto, shall be guilty of an offence, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding three months, or both.

5. In any prosecution of a director, manager or secretary or other officer of any Corporation which shall be guilty of an offence under Article four hereof, proof that the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent shall lie upon the accused.

6. These Regulations may be cited as "The Licensing of Newspapers Regulations 1938."

Control Causes Decline In Cotton Export

Japanese Merchants to Confer in Peiping

Peiping, Dec. 20.

Since the enforcement of the recent cotton control regulations, a considerable decline in the export of cotton has been recorded, according to Chinese reports.

For the week ending December 11 the total amount of cotton exported was 7,618 bales as compared with the preceding week's total of 18,474 bales.

It is reported that leading Japanese cotton merchants in Tientsin, Tsinan and Shihchiachwang are holding a conference in Peiping to decide on standardized buying and distribution rates of cotton in North China.—Reuter.

Al Capone's Release From Prison Delayed

Chicago, Dec. 20.

Al Capone, the gangster, who was to have been released from Alcatraz Prison yesterday, will not be set free, the authorities here state, because he is suffering from a mental illness which makes him dangerous. His fate will be decided next week after a conference between his lawyers and his family.—Havas.

More Opium Found In C.P.R. Ship

Manila Officials Find 2,400 Tins In Empress of Russia

Manila, Dec. 20.

Customs officials seized 2,400 tins of opium and morphine, valued at US$30,000, which was hidden among the cargo of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia, which sailed for Hongkong yesterday, it was revealed today.

The large narcotic cargo was unloaded prior to the sailing of the Empress of Russia The seizure of the drugs followed the discovery of eighty large tins of opium, also valued at US$30,000, onboard another Canadian Pacific liner, the Empress of Japan, at Honolulu on December 17.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company was fined US$15,733 by the Honolulu Customs authorities because of the discovery of the opium on board the Empress of Japan. The company faces a similar fine for the drug cargo aboard the Empress of Russia.

Careless Forgery Gives Clue

Manila Customs officials revealed today that they found the 2,400 tins of opium and morphine packed in two wooden cases carrying the forged mark of a Manila drug firm. The careless forgery of the mark caused Customs officials to start an investigation which culminated in the discovery of the narcotics.

The Customs Commissioner said the freight manifests showed that the opium and morphine had been shipped by the "Hing Fung Company" of Hongkong.—United Press.

Britain Not Ceding Lands

Mr. Chamberlain Denies Rumours in Commons; German Partnership Wanted for Peace

London, Dec. 20.

"I AM glad to have the opportunity of denying categorically rumours, reported in certain quarters, that the Government is contemplating the cession of colonial territory to the Italian Government," declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. Chamberlain added that no such suggestion had been made by the Italian Government.

"During the twenty years which have elapsed since the Great War, we have come to realize that, in the Post-war Period, our treatment of the German people was neither generous nor wise," declared Mr. Chamberlain. "With the passage of time," he stated, "has come to us a recognition of their great qualities, and a strong desire to see them co-operating in the restoration of European civilization."

Mr. Chamberlain was replying to an Opposition motion of "no confidence" in the foreign policy of the Government, moved by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Labour member for the Bishop Auckland Division of Durham.

Mr. Dalton asked whether it was useful for Mr. Chamberlain to visit Rome, when "all evidence was clear that the undertakings given by Signor Mussolini have not been kept."

Mr. Dalton asked for an assurance that belligerent rights not be granted to General Franco, and accused Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Colonial Secretary, of "defeatism" in his recent speech on the colonies.

He painted a picture of the plight of Czechoslovakia, and declared that the Munich Agreement had unsettled all Europe.

Munich—or War?

In his reply, Mr. Chamberlain stated that Mr. Dalton had "painted a terrible picture of the plight of Czechoslovakia," but Mr. Dalton had not said what he would have done if he had been in the Premier's place at Munich.

Mr. Chamberlain went on to say that the Opposition policy, as an alternative policy to Munich, would have involved Great Britain in war simultaneously with Japan, Germany, Italy, and, perhaps, "France as well."

The Premier said that he thought it would have been wise, if Mr. Dalton had no policy of his own, at least to try to give a chance of success to the Government's policy.

If the Government's policy failed, he (Mr. Chamberlain), would be the first to agree that something else should be put in its place.

It was a source of continued satisfaction to know that the efforts to keep all the Dominions fully informed as to the foreign situation, as the Government saw it, was rewarded by a general absence of criticism on their part.

Firm French Friendship

Referring to Anglo-French relations, Mr. Chamberlain observed that these remained of a most cordial character.

He recalled the declaration of M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, that "all the forces of France would be spontaneously and immediately used for the defence of Great Britain in the event of unprovoked aggression."

Such declarations, said the Premier, were really more significant than actual treaties, because it was intentions, rather than words, that counted most when the occasion arose to make them effective.

Italy and Spanish War

Turning to the situation in Spain, Mr. Chamberlain sorrowfully admitted that the struggle showed no signs of coming to a speedy end.

Throughout, he said, the Government's policy had been one of non-intervention.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that, to the best of his belief, the charges of unfulfilled pledges, levelled against the Italian Government, were not well founded.

Information in the Government's possession, Mr. Chamberlain went on to say, led them to suppose that not as many as 200 men had been sent from Italy to Spain since October.

Such Italian assistance to Franco as existed could not fairly be said to amount to a breach of pledges.

If the Government could find a just and practicable way to bring the Spanish war to an end, or even of securing an Armistice, it would use all its influence to do so.

Free Hand for Rome Talks

How far it was possible to discuss such matters in Rome, Mr. Chamberlain could not say.

Referring to his forthcoming visit to Rome, Mr. Chamberlain said that he regretted that it had been suggested that he and Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, be bound beforehand by some assurance that they were not going to betray any cause, abandon any vital principle, or sacrifice any important interests.

Such suggestions were not only insulting to them, but were discourteous to their hosts, as suggesting that they would invite them to do any such thing.

"We are not going to Rome with any fixed agenda, or with the expectation of bringing back any specific Agreement," Mr. Chamberlain added.

"We are going there to exchange views with the Italian Government on all matters of common interest to us.

"We are going with the general desire to improve our relations, to obtain a better understanding of one another's point of view, and, through the personal contact which we will establish there, to strengthen the confidence between us.

"That confidence must necessarily contribute to the general stability of

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Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 23/32d. U.S.$ 16 1/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 20.

"Spot" silver remained unchanged today, while "forward" slightly declined, with quotations being fixed as follows:—

	Dec. 19	Dec. 20
London spot	20 1/8d.	20 1/8d.
" forward	19 7/16d.	19 1/8d.
" gold	148/8d.	148/10d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6775	$4.6718
One U.S. dollar	51.309d.	51.372d.

—Reuter.

Swifter Rearming Urged in London

Government Back Bench Make Representations; Commons Speech Hailed

London, Dec. 20.

A demarche demanding a real acceleration in the rearmament programme was made to Mr. Neville Chamberlain early this week by Captain R. S. Hudson, Director of the Overseas Department of the Board of Trade; the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Lord Strathcona, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, with all three threatening to resign.

The three men stressed that, in their opinion, such an acceleration could not be expected as long as Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, and Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, remained at their posts.

Mr. Chamberlain asked them to delay their final decision until January.

Captain Hudson, who made the representation, accepted the Prime Minister's request but stipulated that if a satisfactory reply were not received by then, the resignations would beocme effective.—Havas.

Anxiety Over Re-armament

London, Dec. 20.

The reaction among Government back-benchers to Mr. Chamberlain's speech is generally favourable.

At the same time, anxiety remains that the Government should speedily press for re-armament, states Reuters Lobby Correspondent.

It has been an open secret for some time, he states, that a section of the Government supporters, not identified with the Churchill group, are not satisfied that everything possible is being done for the co-ordination of defences, for which Sir Thomas Inskip (Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence), is responsible.

It was learned yesterday evening that, last week, Major Sir James Edmundson, one of the Government Whips, and the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, made personal and private representations to the Prime Minister that "all was not well," and that their opinion was shared by a representative body of back-benchers.

Resignation Threat Denied

This, it is understood, was no attempt to resign.

It is learned that the Prime Minister's reception to them was friendly, and that their visit achieved the purpose intended.

The occurrence led to rumours that demands were made for the resignation of certain ministers, but no such demands were actually made, states Reuters Lobby Correspondent.

There is, however, a possibility of Government changes during the Christmas recess, he understands.

The transfer of Sir Thomas Inskip to the Lord Chancellorship has been frequently forecast.—Reuter.

French Press Comments

Paris, Dec. 20.

The chief concern of the French press today is the bearing which the speech made by Mr. Nevvile Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, together with the "no cession" declaration made by M. Georges Bonnet, French Foreign Minister, in the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, will have on Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome in January.

The tone of the comment is confident.

"Le Jour" says, "We want nothing of Italy and we are giving nothing to Italy, except peace. Let her do the same."

"Action Française" believes that the forthcoming talks cannot now cause France any uneasiness, while "Les Dernières Nouvelles" considers that at no time has a community of views between France and Great Britain been so close.

"Le Jour" describes this identity of views as complete.—Reuter.

Good Impression in Rome

Rome, Dec. 20.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech made a good impression in political circles here.

The Italians note with satisfaction that attempts to discredit, and prevent, Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome are unsuccessful.

His statement that he does not expect to bring back any specific agreement caused no surprise, as the forthcoming talks are regarded chiefly as a full and frank exchange of views.—Reuter.

Berlin Welcomes Speech

Berlin, Dec. 20.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech met with appreciative approval in German political circles. They state, however, that they cannot understand why Germany is so often characterized as the "black sheep" of Europe.

A spokesman for the Government declared that Germany is willing to co-operate with all States willing to work for peace.

He added:—"We are not struck by Mr. Chamberlain's speech. We like peace as much as he does."—Reuter.

Miss Elissa Landi Hurt In Car Accident

New York, Dec. 20.

Miss Elissa Landi, the film actress, broke a collar bone yesterday when her car skidded near Kingston, in New York State, according to the actress's New York agents.—Reuter.

BRITAIN WILL DEFEND RIGHTS IN CHINA

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sums for their 'personal protection,' and for permission to carry the goods outside the area;

"And to what extent such opportunities of illicit profit are proving a permanent obstacle to the restoration of the area to the control of the Shanghai Municipal Council?"

Mr. Butler replied:—

"No. Therefore, the last part of the question does not arise."

He added that the restoration of the Yangtzepoo area to the control of the Shanghai Municipal Council was at present under active consideration with the Japanese authorities.

Tsingtao Restrictions

Mr. Alan Chorlton, National Conservative member for Bury, asked concerning the result of enquiries into the case of a British firm in Tsingtao, whom the Japanese naval mission had prevented from shipping a case of steel samples to their agency in Shanghai.

Mr. Butler replied that he understood the consignment was effected after the matter had been taken up by the British Consul-General with his Japanese colleague.

Replying to a question by Commander Arthur Marsden, Conservative member for the Chertsey Division of Surrey, concerning the alleged establishment of a shipping monopoly on the inland waterways of the Yangtze Basin, Mr. Butler replied that he was calling for a report on the company, which styled itself the "Shanghai Inland Navigation Steamship Company," and which was understood to have claimed a monopoly in those waters.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Labour member for the Shipley Division of Yorkshire, asked whether the newly-formed Yangtze Shipping Company was likely to exercise a monopoly, and whether the British Government proposed to take action to maintain British interests.

Mr. Butler replied that the British Consul-General in Shanghai (Sir Herbert Phillips) had promised to furnish particulars as soon as possible.

Tientsin Mail Censorship

Mr. Robert Morgan, National Conservative member for the Stourbridge Division of Worcestershire, asked what steps had been taken to prevent the Japanese censor at Tientsin from tampering with the British mails.

Mr. Butler said that the letter mail did not appear to have been interfered with, but Lord Halifax, (the Foreign Secretary) had received reports of the detention of a certain Shanghai British newspaper in Tientsin.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador in China, had been asked to report on what action was best calculated to resolve the difficulty.

Mr. Hamilton Kerr, Conservative member for Oldham, drew Mr. Butler's attention to the large trade in narcotics which had developed in eighteen factories in the Peiping and Tientsin area, and asked whether the "Japanese military authorities are encouraging and sanctioning the same."

N. China Drug Traffic

Mr. Butler replied that he was aware of the existence of these factories, but that he had no evidence of the attitude of the Japanese military authorities with regard to them.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Labour member for Derby, asked whether it was not a fact that, wherever the Japanese were in control, traffic in drugs developed. He suggested that the Government make representations to Tokyo on the question.

Mr. Butler replied:—

"Perhaps Mr. Noel Baker will give me any further information in his possession. Our information tends to show that what he says is correct."

Mr. Hamilton Kerr asked what steps were being taken to counteract the illicit importation of drugs, "turned out in vast quantities in Chinese territory under Japanese control."

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, replied that there was no reason to suspect that drugs "manufactured in the Far East are entering Great Britain."

Tsingtao Export Permits

Mr. Robert Morgan asked whether Mr. Butler was aware that export permits were not granted by the Japanese authorities at Tsingtao, when exports were financed through foreign banks by means of Chinese national currency.

Mr. Butler replied in the affirmative, and declared that Lord Halifax had the matter under consideration.

In reply to Sir John Haslam, Conservative member for Bolton, who asked whether Mr. Butler was yet in a position to make a statement with regard to the intention of the Japanese authorities in China to impose extensive restrictions at Chinese ports under their control, analagous to the import restrictions recently imposed in Japan, Mr. Butler said that no official confirmation was forthcoming that the Japanese authorities intended to impose such restrictions.

"Open Door" Retaliation

Asked by Mr. Robert Moran whether the British Government was considering taking descriminatory trade action against Japanese goods until the restoration of the "Open Door" in China, Mr. Butler said that the British Government was considering taking descriminatory trade action against Japanese goods until the restoration of the "Open Door" in China, Mr. Butler said that the British Government had under constant review the question of what steps might be taken to protect British interests in China.

They were prepared, he said, to give their consideration to any matters proposed for the protection of British interests in China.

Replying to a further question by Mr. Adrian Moreing, Mr. Butler declared that Lord Halifax understood that, in certain cases, British-owned cargo had been shipped in Japanese, in preference to British vessels, to North China ports.

Representations, he said, had been made to the Japanese Government on December 1, and the Government would continue to press the matter until discrimination against British shipping was removed.

Gaimusho Consultations

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour member for the Kingswinford Division of Staffordshire, inquired into the nature of the communication on Japan's economic and trade policy in China, made by Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, in an interview with Sir Robert Craigie on December 8.

Mr. Butler said that the conversation was informal, and exploratory, and that no official communication had been issued by either side.

He added that the British and American Ambassadors kept each other fully informed on all matters of common interest, and, no doubt, exchanged views both before and after the interview with Mr. Arita.

The British Consul-General at Tientsin has reported that the Japanese authorities do exercise a monopoly over the freight carried on the railways in North China, and that preference is given to Japanese military requirements.

Making this statement, Mr. Butler added that apart from this, no specific instances of discrimination had yet come to his notice.

Shanghai Drug Traffic

Sir John Haslam asked whether Mr. Butler's attention had been drawn to the "rapid expansion of the trade in narcotics in the Japanese occupied area of Shanghai."

Mr. Butler, in reply, declared that information possessed by Lord Halifax led him to fear that this might be the case.

Any formal representations to the Japanese Government, Mr. Butler added, must depend on the nature of the further evidence now being collected.

Winding up yesterday's debate on behalf of the Opposition, Mr. A. V. Alexander, Labour member for the Hillsborough Division of Sheffield, concluded a critical speech with a special plea for China.

The position in the Far East, he said, was worsening weekly.

"The Government has not even got the 'guts' to adopt their own Geneva resolution," declared Mr. Alexander.

They heard little about the individual application of sanctions against Japan, or help for China, although, in China, 30,000,000 persons had been rendered homeless, and there had been 1,500,000 casualties within eighteen months.

Referring to the American loan to China, he said that they looked to the British Government to do something equally potent.

U.S. Lead Praised

Ever since Sir Frederick Leith Ross' Mission to China, there had been much confidence shown to Britain by the Chinese, because of the stabilized currency which had resulted from that Mission.

Mr. Alexander pointed out that the Americans had purchased from the Chinese a large part of their silver reserve, while Japan was doing everything possible to undermine China's existing currency.

"If China is to have a decent chance to win through,'" Mr. Alexander went on, "her currency needs support.

"The American decision should be taken as a lead to us for further concerted action, and the collaboration with America, in the Far East which is possible for us may lead to developing a long-standing friendship with America in the future."

Stimson Legend Denied

In a speech winding up the debate, Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, answered Mr. David Lloyd George, who had suggested that the "early failure of British policy lay in not being prepared to join the United States in resisting Japan."

Sir John cited a previous controversy on this issue, including the implication that Great Britain did not support Stimson's desire to invoke the Nine Power Treaty when Japan seized Manchuria.

"There is not the slightest syllable of truth in that suggestion," Sir John declared.

"I myself," he added, "brought a proposal of this kind before the appropriate body at Geneva.

"This was adopted, and the United States thanked us, and expressed gratification at the action taken in the Assembly of the League."—Reuter.

Big Blaze at Cotton Mill Near Creek

Six engines from Sinza and Central Fire stations were engaged for over three hours last night fighting an outbreak which occurred on the roof of the Kuo Tien Chen cotton mill at Lane 1086, house 40, Chengtu Road, near Soochow Road.

The fire originated shortly after 7 p.m. when loosely packed bales of cotton and cotton waste, which were stored on the roof, caught fire through unknown reasons. In a few moments the whole of the large stack of cotton became alight and burned furiously for over two hours, in spite of the firemen's efforts to attack the flames from the roofs of adjoining houses.

The results of the fire were the destruction of numerous bales of cotton and severe damage to the roof of the building and the walls. No one was injured.

Jeweller's Shop Robbed

Money and jewellery, the value of which is at present unknown, were stolen last night when an armed robbery was perpetrated in a Chinese owned jeweller's shop at 1672 Bubbling Well Road.

The robbery occurred at about 5 p.m. when three men, two of whom were armed, entered the shop and held up the occupants at pistol point. They made their escape before an alarm could be raised.

BABY TALK

Mothers love to talk about their babies; sometimes they like to write about them too. Here are a few extracts from mothers' letters:—

"Night after night, as soon as we would get settled in bed, baby would start crying . . . Baby's Own Tablets changed all this. What a blessed relief," writes Mrs. Arthur Baker Junr., of Winona, Ontario, Canada.

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Britain's Air Arm Leads in Europe

Reich Air Power Not Large; Blackmail Use Stressed in Report

New York, Dec. 20.

At the outset of any war, the British Air Force, all things considered, would probably be the most formidable air arm in Europe, stated Major Fielding Eliot, well-known writer of military affairs, in a report to the Foreign Policy Association.

The British Air Force, added Major Eliot, in training, equipment, command and tactical doctrine ranks very high. Its weakness less in the inability of British industry, without more control, to replace planes as rapidly as the integrated German industry can replace German losses.

Major Eliot declared:

"An estimate based on reliable information gave Germany's first line strength in April 1938 as 1,620.

"At this moment, the Reich admits its first line strength does not exceed 3,000 and this includes a squadron of reserve planes. This strength is not much, if any, greater than Great Britain's total strength in Europe, including the Mediterranean.

"It is about two-thirds greater than the French Air Force."

Major Eliot declared that the German Air Force had, in a sense, become an instrument of international blackmail.—Reuter.

Gunboats May Arrive by Christmas Eve

Yangtze Convoy Under Way After Repairs to Gnat

Delayed 24 hours by a breakdown in the engine room of H.M.S. Gnat, the convoy of five American and British gunboats proceeding downriver from Hankow may reach Shanghai in time for Christmas eve if they hurry, a Japanese naval spokesman said last night.

The warships, the spokesman said, were due at Wuhu by 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

Four British vessels, H.M.S. Mantis, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral R.V. Holt, H.M.S. Mantis, H.M.S. Peterel, H.M.S. Tern, and H.M.S. Gnat, comprised the convoy in addition to the U.S.S. Guam.

At Kiukiang, the American gunboat Monocacy and the British gunboat Cockchafer will join the group. The Monocacy, which will have to refuel at Chinkiang, will be delayed, it was understood.

H.M.S. Gnat will stay at Wuhu, while H.M.S. Tern is proceeding to Nanking.

No Recognition for Any Change of China Pacts

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Hitherto, it is stated, the Burma Government has reached no decision on the matter.

Yangtze Issue Rankles

All the papers dwell on the credits to China as showing evidence of Britain's determination no longer tamely to acquiesce in Japan's encroachment of foreign rights and interests.

There is reason to believe, it is learned from official circles, that the Government is especially displeased at the continued closure of the Yangtze, and that they consider Japanese excuses to be palpably at variance with the facts.

All indications are that America is equally incensed, these circles declare.

There is no question to date, of proposing joint Anglo-American action, and the Japanese taunt that Great Britain is trying to induce America to "pull her chestnuts out of the fire" is laughingly dismissed in diplomatic quarters as a conventional attempt to drive a wedge between the two countries.

At the same time, quarters close to the Government emphasize, Britain and America are undoubtedly keeping closely in touch on all aspects of the Far Eastern situation.

Increasing anxiety, these quarters declare, is being felt by Parliament for the future of British interests in the Far East, as illustrated by the fact that no fewer than twenty questions were asked yesterday in the House of Commons—all of them on China.

The impression, however, is widely discernible that Japanese prospects in China are by no means comfortable.—Reuter.

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The Secretariat was today picketed by Burmese students of both sexes, who were taking part in a civil disobedience campaign against the Government. The students, who included small children, sat down round the building, equipped with umbrellas, lunch baskets and water bottles. At least 100 persons were injured in two police baton charges.

The campaign was inaugurated yesterday by U Saw, leader of the Myochit (Patriotic) Party. Demonstrators marched through the streets of Rangoon, shouting "Burma for the Burmans," despite the Government's warning, against the threatened civil disobedience campaign.—Reuter.

Britain Not Ceding Lands

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Europe, more especially of those countries which border the Mediterranean."

Speaking of Great Britain's relations with Germany, Mr. Chamberlain said that he would like to see them as set forth in the Munich Declaration.

German Partnership Wanted

There was no spirit of vindictiveness in Great Britain, and no desire to hamper their development, or cramp their tremendous vitality as a nation.

"On the contrary," Mr. Chamberlain declared, "we have a firm conviction that unless this strong and virile people can be induced into a partnership with others, to improve the general lot, there will be neither peace, nor progress in Europe in the things that make life worth living.

"If by any word spoken in this House, I can give some sort of assurance going deeper than any formal statement of policy—that, in this country, there is an earnest and constant desire that the peoples of Great Britain and Germany, together with other members of the European family of nations, should find it meet to co-operate in removing the menace of war, I believe I shall be expressing not only our own feelings, but those of many other countries throughout the world.

"It is not enough for us to express that desire.

Hitler's Offers Awaited

"It takes two to make an agreement, as it takes two to make war, and I am waiting for a sign from those who speak for the German people that they share this desire, and that they are prepared to make their contribution to peace, which would help them as much as it would help us.

"To reproach us with carrying on with our re-armament after Munich is strangely to ignore facts patent to all.

"We are ready at any time to discuss the limitation of armaments, on the basis that all contribute to their limitation, with due regard for their own safety.

"It would be a tragic blunder for the world to mistake our love of peace, and our faculty for compromise, for weakness."

Liberal View Expressed

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal leader, expressed gratitude for one or two assurances in Mr. Chamberlain's "very important speech," but he disagreed with the Prime Minister that the only alternative to Munich was war.

On the contrary, he said, "it was the abandonment of the League policy which brought us to the verge of war."

Sir Archibald said that he feared, if this policy persisted, it would be very difficult to avoid war in the future.

The Premier, he went on, had fired a powder magazine which had blown Czechoslovakia to pieces, and had not finished exploding yet.

"The Munich frontiers won't last as long as the Versailles frontiers," he declared.

"There seems no reason to doubt that Herr Hitler means to move to Memelland in the north, and to the Ukraine in the south."

Mr. Lloyd George Attacks

Mr. David Lloyd George, who nowadays participates in debates less than in former times, broke his silence to deliver an attack on Mr. Chamberlain.

He declared that the Premier's complacency was shared by nobody outside Parliament.

The level of the gilt-edged securities, he went on to say, showed the genuine opinion of the Premier's City friends regarding the Munich Agreement.

Notwithstanding Mr. Chamberlain's four visits to the Continent, the clouds had darkened, and were now more lowering.

There was anxiety felt about Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome.

People thought he was no match for the astute, crafty, ruthless and unscrupulous dictators—and he was not.

Accusing the Premier of being obstinate, and stubborn, Mr. Lloyd George declared that he (Mr. Chamberlain) said that nothing he had done during the last eighteen months did he wish undone.

Nobody could say that unless he were very complacent.

"You cannot send a man with an obsession to Rome to meet Signor Mussolini.

"The Premier seems to have the idea that he will get through by shouting 'Pax Vobiscum'".

Lower Suez Dues Urged

In the course of the debate, Lt.-Col. Sir Arnold Wilson, Conservative member for the Hitchin Division of Hertfordshire, advocated a substantial reduction in the Suez Canal Dues.

The Egyptian Government, he said, who came prominently into the picture, should take steps to put the Suez Canal on the same basis as the Panama Canal.

Although the Panama Canal cost thrice as much as Suez, and cost twice as much to run, the dues of Panama were ten to fifteen per cent. lower than those of Suez.

He urged that an appeal be made to the Egyptian Government to consider their international position as trustees of a highway between Europe and Asia.

He added that the dues could be reduced by nearly a half, and still between six and eight per cent. could be paid on capital.—Reuter.

Shooting in Ta Tao Area

Several shots were exchanged between a band of armed robbers and their intended victims at Zao Wei Yao village, off Ferry Road, last night, and one Chinese pedestrian was removed to the Red Cross Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg.

Pootoo Road police were notified of the shooting but as the village is in Ta Tao territory no investigations were made. No details were given by the Ta Tao police of the shooting, but they were continuing investigations at a late hour last night.

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Thus no Italian troops are left in the city for the first time since the commencement of the hostilies in August 1937. The departing marines, who comprised the Compania San Marino, commenced their duties in the Italian defence sector at the beginning of the month and were quartered at the Kiaochow Road billets, formerly occupied by the Grenadiers.

THE Cornwell Scout decoration for "courage, capability and character" has been awarded to Kenneth S. Shrives, 18, of the 7th Sutton Group, who has been in hospital for over two years suffering from a painful illness. His Scoutmaster describes him as "the perfect scout." Anthony G. Attenborough, 14, of the 7th Ipswich Group, has been given the Cornwell Scout certificate. He has had over a year in hospital with several operations. For some months he was placed in plaster from his feet up to his armpits.

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To begin with, it is no use saying that you aren't going to bother about Christmas this year, you are just going to take things easy. In Yuletides past and gone the misanthrope could get into a houseboat and be towed away to some quiet spot where nothing worse than a bandit or two could disturb his peace, not to return till Shanghai had settled down again to normal. This year the only way to be satisfactorily alone would be to book a room in the smallpox wing of the Isolation Hospital.

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The very gardener who keeps your green pocket-handkerchief in order and inserts in the borders the cheapest flowerets of the year in due season, is in league against you. He and his minions are even now engaged in using feather dusters on those dainty blossoms of shocking pink, arsenic green and cold-nose blue which each year punctuate the wreaths of greenery soon to be nailed firmly round your front door. The more hideous they are the more one's heart warms towards them, though their most lively significance is probably to act as a guiding light to those wandering groups who get themselves announced as "Telegraph man," "Postee man," "Dust coolie," "Milk coolie," etc., waiting with ingratiating smiles to be rewarded for bearing these appellations.

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Seriously though, the point of the matter is this—there are only a third of a dozen more shopping days left before Christmas. And even those four are badly broken into for a good many by the necessity for keeping the flag flying at the office desk, jollying the old town along to victory, etcetera.

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But who is going even to consider defeat? Nothing is impossible to men (and women, too) of energy and skill. All that is needed is a modicum of system and it is the intention of these pages to supply it.

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Christmas is a time at which to requite the many little social kindnesses of the past year. Your card attached to a Christmas parcel is a pretty gesture gracefully carried out. You may think that what you can give is so trifling that you don't dare to offer it. But I do assure you that the child remains alive in everybody and that the most solid of ladies and gentlemen are capable of opening a Christmas packet with interest. The pleasure that they get from the contents of the packet will originate much more in your brains than in your purse. It will be a thick head indeed which has to take refuge in baskets of flowers and boxes of chocolates at this 1938 Christmastide. (Far be it to decry the chocolate and the flower—the one is delicious and the other lovely. But they should be sent deliberately and with reason, not merely because the sender's grey matter has refused to function. Otherwise a popular lady's salons may take on the appearance of high class tea rooms or give the impression that she is celebrating one of the three great landmarks of existence).

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It is imperative to the present-giver's success that he should take a pencil and paper and jot down first the names of those whom he proposes to make glad. It is possible to be so overwhelmed by the idea that at least 100 people are looking to you for satisfaction that you feel it is hopeless to move in the matter and that the only way is to do nothing at all. Whereas, put down by the cold end of a lead pencil, you may find that you have overestimated the extent of your social obligations and that 100 people have become five, which latter is a number which can be dealt with.

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The next question is, how much do you want to spend on each? It helps a lot to walk into a shop and say, "I want a Christmas present at about $1.50, please." Each side then knows exactly where it stands, and the shopkeeper either looks round his stock with the wild eye of despair or says brightly, "Certainly sir! Please take a look round." And it is very much pleasanter to both sides to be able to increase your bid to $2, $2.50 or even $3 than to have to say "I'm afraid that's too expensive."

Family presents are fairly easy to choose. You generally know what each person wants, or you may decide that he is going to want what he gets. The issue is at any rate moderately cut and dried. But even here a little thought will keep you from wasting your money. There is the depressing story of the grown-up children whose mother died recently. They were going through her things and on opening some capacious drawers they found them filled with all the presents they had given her as children, or had bought at later ages with money painfully squeezed from exiguous allowances.

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Every gift had been greeted at the time with "Just what I wanted: how clever of you, darlings," but very rarely indeed was anything seen in use. The memory of whole decades of Christmases came back to the finders of these relics, with their anxious searches for a present to please Mother.

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In view of such tragedies the story that in London the business of exchanging misfits in the way of Christmas presents occupies shop assistants for at least a fortnight after every Christmas seems to have a deal of good sense in it. Parents of a past generation would shake their heads over it. Whatever was given in their day was received with proper and, if possible, with effusive gratitude. If it didn't happen to be what was wanted, why then it was "Just too bad" —only they didn't express it like that. Anyhow nothing could be done about it. If any child, certainly, wasn't satisfied with what it had received for Christmas, and was misguided enough to say so, a torrent of abuse descended on it and it was told that it was most ungrateful. "You will like what you get" was the principle of those more Spartan days.

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The very excellent idea of gift coupons for varying amounts is making its way and most shops will arrange such a service for you, even if they haven't the coupons already printed. But this idea is really only suitable for the more important presents—you can't very well hand anyone a coupon for an amount under $10, whereas with intelligent choosing you can buy joy for a very great deal less.

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"Buy your important presents first" is a good maxim. Otherwise you may find you have frittered away the money you had purposed to spend on them on trifles light as air. Having bought the big presents, it is very easy to manage an extra dollar or two on the smaller gifts if they need it. The awful part is having to manage the cost of the big presents after you have got rid of the better part of your money on too, too fascinating tiny things.

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And do take a good look at the advertisements. You may cudgel your brains till you feel really tired wondering what to give a person, and a chance look at a shop's suggestions will solve the whole difficulty by reminding you of something which you had quite forgotten, but which is exactly what you want.

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Resist the temptation to wander through the shops with no definite purpose in mind. You will find yourself going from one department to another utterly unable to decide among so many things which it is that you like best. At the end of an hour you will most probably have bought nothing, but your feet will be aching, you will go out to get a cup of tea, then crawl exhausted home and have it all to do over again the next day.

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Arranged on these shopping pages will be found some systematized suggestions for gifts of various types for men, women and children of all tastes which are sure to be useful to you. All that you've got to do is to make up your mind what you want and go out and buy it. And whatever you end by choosing from these pages, the mouth of your gift horse will well bear looking into.

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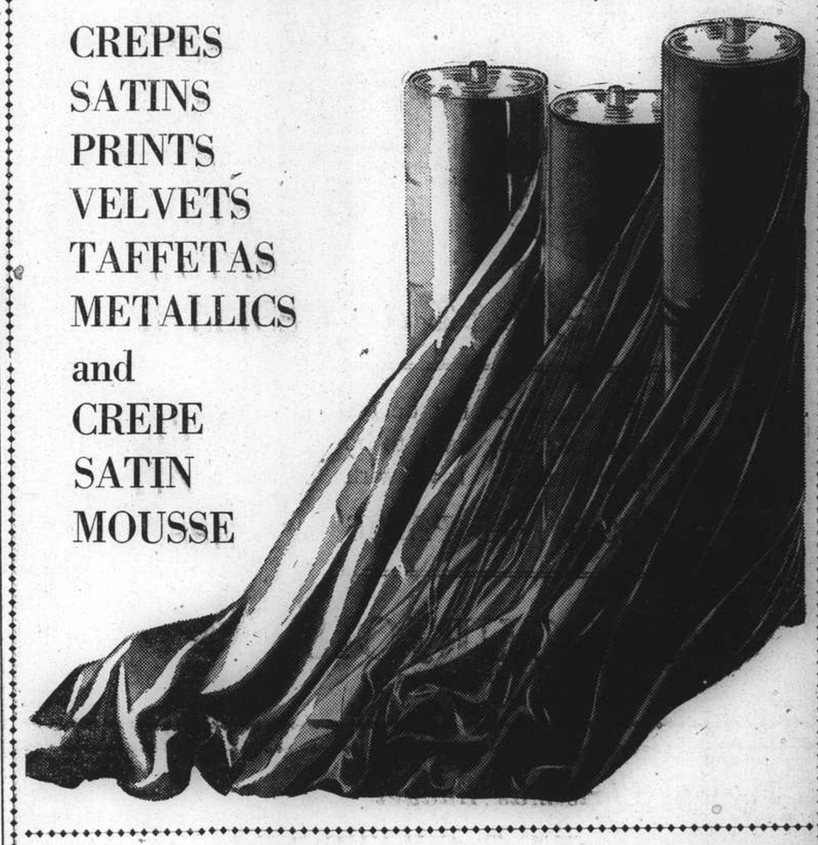

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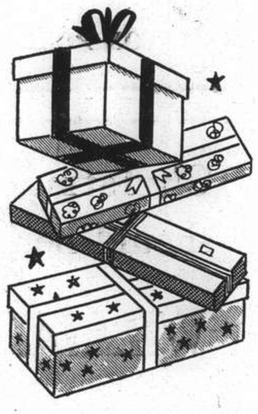

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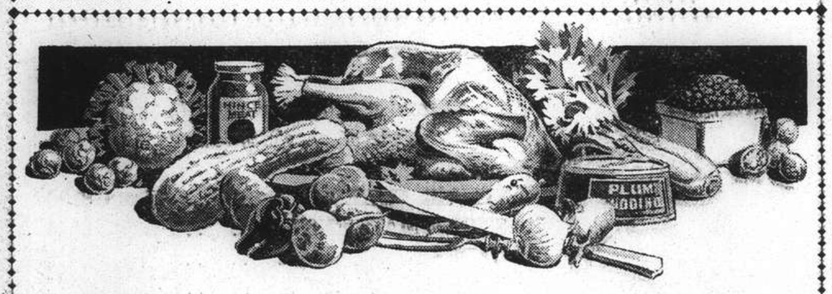

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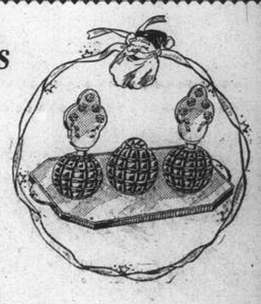

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Gifts for a Lady

FOR HER WITH A HOUSE :—Boudoir or travelling clock ; anything and everything in fine hand-embroidered table linens ; a piece of choice porcelain ; a pretty lamp ; gramophone records ; new novel (if you know her taste) ; a growing plant ; silk waste-paper basket ; desk-set in lacquer ; cocktail glasses, glass hors-d'œuvres dishes, bowls, flower vases ; cigarette box and ash trays ; box of chocolates or crystallized fruits (if you're sure she isn't slimming) ; extra-special white embroidered handkerchiefs ; pocket or handbag leatherware—billfolds, change purses ; pretty trays ; cigarettes (if you know her preference) ; book-ends ; a huge bunch of artificial, scented violets (every woman wants these this year) ; sweet dishes ; artistic pewterware.

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In buying for the older woman, remember that useful luxuries please her most. Young women are more easily satisfied ; there are usually so many things that they want which they can't afford to buy for themselves. But older women either have fewer needs or more money. You are apt to find that she already has most things that she wants. Still, there are quite a lot that one can never have too much of.

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Men had better stick to the fairly beaten track in buying presents for women in which colour or style has anything much to say. It isn't a bit of use appealing to the woman shop assistant to help you, or to any female friend, for what is one woman's meat is another woman's poison in these things. But in everything which has not to do with dress or the colours used in her house, a man's taste is as good as can be and he may go ahead with perfect confidence.

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FOR A FRIVOLOUS SHE.—Fur muff (match her coat if you can, or let it be white for evening) ; fur foot muff for car or rickshaw ; "baby" hair brush for her hand-bag ; cigarette lighter (rather smart this!) ; perfumery, powders, bath salts ; silk stockings ; chocolates or crystallized fruits ; silk undies ; vanity case ; bag, day or evening ; manicure set ; umbrella ; pair of pretty shoes or furred or feathered mules ; gloves, day or evening ; scarf ; handkerchiefs, coloured and white, and of all materials ; a fan ; one of those wonderful marcassite or rhinestone buckles or brooches to decorate a frock ; scent atomizer ; "costume" jewellery of all sorts, including heavy gold; brooch, necklace, bracelet, ring, earrings ; hand-knit jumper or cardigan ; artificial flowers ; a belt ; 3-strand cultured pearl necklace ; cigarettes.

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Most girls love a present of perfume, but there are wide differences in their preferences. It is absolutely necessary to discover which they like—the light, clear flower scents or the more sophisticated ones with the astonishing names. It is the same with the powders and bath salts.

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It is possible to buy a selection of different types of perfumes arranged in one box. This gives the lady a chance to be "different" occasionally. For, although some experts advise that a woman should make up her mind once and for all on her type and stick to one perfume so that it begins to suggest her personality, the majority of women aren't going to do anything so cut and dried.

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If you have the least bit of temperament, you may feel like Cleopatra on one night, Joan of Arc on the next, and Victoria the Good at 45 on a third. Obviously if you are going to express yourself by perfume, the same perfume won't do for all three. So, to really give a girl a chance, let her have the widest margin possible.

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If you want to give silk stockings, as everyone knows, all Shanghai shops will exchange those bought from them which are not the right shade or size. But it is really more satisfactory to give an order on a shop for so many pairs, and then she can choose them at her leisure instead of having to trot along and exchange her present in good time. Shoes, too, are a lovely present to offer—but she must choose them herself.

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An endless vista of pleasant excitement opens out before the feminine gaze with the development of the coupon or order idea. The one great drawback which it possesses, however, is to the giver, not to the receiver. The former sees nothing but a dull piece of paper in return for his or her generosity. And although the idea that it is better to give than to receive has been well drilled into a good many of us, still there is a satisfaction in looking at an exciting present, wrapping it up, and picturing the recipient's delight when she opens it. Utility isn't everything !

Gifts for a Man

FROM HER TO HIM.—Socks ; pullover or cardigan ; thermos jug ; warm slippers ; pipe, "smoking mixture," cigarettes, cigars ; electric torch ; fountain pen ; multi-coloured pencil ; pocket lighter ; book ; safety razor ; linen handkerchiefs ; coloured silk handkerchiefs ; braces ; gloves, wash leather, leather, and fur-backed for motoring ; pyjamas ; cocktail shaker ; gramophone records ; umbrella; shooting stick (the kind you can sit on); camera; studs, cuff links, gold safety pin ; waistcoat buttons ; hair-brushes ; clothes brush ; shaving brush ; bowl of shaving soap ; walking stick ; leather bill-folder, leather pocket-book ; tobacco bowl ; ash trays ; playing cards ; a subscription to . . . (his favourite publication).

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Given courage and an adventurous spirit, the gifts of Hers to Hims can be vastly extended. One frequently sees, for instance, most exhilarating models in hats alongside which it would be a real pleasure to walk—hats with little feathers in them, hats of cheerful shades, hats which it would be very difficult to avoid seeing in a crowd, and which might even bring him an admiring hail from the "Personal" section of this journal's classified ads. If you can purloin one of his duller creations for half an hour just for the size of the thing, you could clinch the deal. Getting him to wear it when it is bought will be your funeral.

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Ties have not been included in the gift list lest, with feminine precipitancy, a gift buyer should cry "Eureka !" at the word, dash out and make a purchase which might quite conceivably have fatal consequences. It is only possible to be sure of avoiding catastrophe in this direction if you can bring yourself to pay a vast sum for an object confected from a peculiar kind of silk made in a place called Macclesfield. They perpetrate something there which is so expensive that it simply can't be wrong. It doesn't matter what pattern or colour. Any well-brought-up male will recognize this and accept your gift without a murmur. Otherwise—no, a thousand times no!

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Tobacco you must be careful about. Tobacco is not simply tobacco. It is really on a par with perfumes or chocolates. We can understand that the lady who sprays herself with "Vous Souvenez-vous ?" will not be ravished by the presentation of a flacon of Ye Olde Englyshe Lavender Water ; in the same way, she who likes cream chocolates will not enjoy nuts. So he who smokes something as black as your hat will scarcely be able to frame words of thanks when you give him a 2-lb. tin of the mildest mixture known. A good many women are now well-educated in these things, but there are still the addlepates from whom he must be protected. There are also fans of Turkish, Virginian or Egyptian cigarettes who cannot be deflected from their loyalty.

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Gramophone records do their stuff best if the recipient's taste is known. Christmas carols at this time of the year may, however, be recommended as a sure-fire hit which will go over well.

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Gold studs are a much-to-be-desired gift. Everything may not be gold that glitters, but the sheen of gold is unmistakable. It lends a wonderful air to the bosom of one's dress shirt, and there is something which cannot be simulated about the genuine yellow metal. Cuff-links may be added or not—just as you feel about it. Studs as a present are perfectly well able to stand up alone.

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Don't tremble at the idea of offering a fragrant "coffret" of shaving creams, lotions and talcum powders. It would be a much appreciated package. Remember the eighteenth-century gentlemen and Elizabethan and Carolean gallants. The cautious yearnings of the modern male towards personal betterment are the first steps towards the full burgeoning of the perfumes, laces, silks and satins of pre-Albert the Good days which is so much to be desired. Or is it? Wouldn't it rather complicate matters if John wants a new pair of velvet knee-breeches at the same moment that Pamela needs a new frock? Now, there's a question. You may decide after all to give him a clothes brush.

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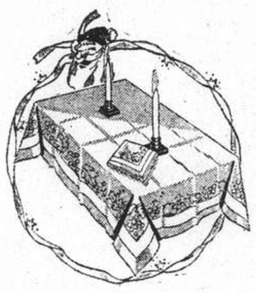
"Men's knitwear" is always an interesting buy, and, after all, why not enjoy yourself while you are about it? Are you thinking of providing for a golf maniac, or for someone who is going skiing in Japan? Buy him something tough with a high neck to keep out wind and rain. The latest from London speaks of a demand for bomb-proof woollen jerseys of tremendous weight, dark blue dreadnoughts which are too strong to stretch and have to be fitted with zip fasteners at the shoulders to allow the head to emerge. Here then is something to go on. There are those who dislike having to pull over pullovers, and for them get cardigans with their neat buttons and long sleeves.



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Gifts of a Lifetime

Wrist watch set in a diamond bracelet; emerald and diamond ring, earrings, brooch—what you will; silver fox evening cape; length of first chop Chinese brocaded satin; fur coat; ciné-camera; electric razor; fitted dressing-case; jades and ivories; clock with Westminster chimes; fur motor rug; carved camphorwood chest; arm chair; lace and linen banqueting set; cutlery canteen; wardrobe trunk; fine porcelain table ware; silk-covered eiderdown quilts; floor rugs; silver or enamel dressing table set.

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Rather overwhelmingly feminine, the above list? Now, why's that? Is it because women are so much greedier, or do men just buy what they want when they want it, while women—dear selfless creatures—must wait to be asked what they would like?

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Has ever the greatest queen in the world ever grown tired of jewels? From the moment that a baby girl's eyes widen as they watch the glitter of her mother's diamond rings to the day when she may be an old hag of ninety, she remains faithful to the gems that sparkle. All through history women and jewels are intertwined. What makes the biggest display in any of Shanghai's big Chinese stores—the paste diamonds! If a woman can't have the real thing, she isn't going to be done out of her resplendency—she will buy the nearest to the real thing that she can afford. And she walks out in her Koh-i-noor-size diamonds and her blood-red rubies and emeralds as green as the sea and feels like a princess.

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The gift above all others, therefore, to give a woman is a sparkling piece of jewellery. It's the most expensive of presents, but it is worth it not only in the beauty which it adds to the wearer and in her joy in it, but actually one may count it as an investment. For gems are sometimes a good deal better than money—they don't depreciate.

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There are quite a few things, at any rate, which can be shared, if necessary—the arm chair, for instance. So let it be roomy and "overstuffed," if that is the correct word. There are few things that give such year-round comfort as good arm chairs. Those Westminster chimes, too, will sound as sweetly in his ears as in hers, and such a clock is a gift highly to be recommended. Its mellow voice will carry its listeners away in spirit to London Town and may even succeed—until the novelty has worn off—in filling the eyes with sentimental tears, a consummation dear to the heart of the Briton.

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The ace of the Christmas presents for men this year is perhaps the electric razor. Its great advantages are obvious—until a fuse blows out or the Power station stops a bomb. It would always be advisable to keep an old hearty around in the shape of the hand-driven safety razor.

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As for furs—well, a woman only just manages to endure life without them because of a vague certainty deep down in her that one day, either in this world or the next, she will achieve them. Also for the original owners of the skins—but they shouldn't have been born so beautiful. Don't rush at buying such a magnificent present, however—the very promise of it will give her a happy Christmas, and you can get it at suitable leisure after the holidays.

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A camphorwood chest sounds stodgy maybe—but for sheer comforting friendship in the home it is hard to beat. A moth or any other evil thing won't come within a mile of it and into it can be tossed everything that moths regard as a meal. The carved kind is lovely to look at and an excellent piece of furniture for a hall. You can lay your hat and coat on it or sit on it if nothing else eventuates.

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Cutlery as a present is "as good as bread." Most people start their married life with a canteen, but after about thirty years of daily toil the poor old knives, at any rate, begin to show signs of wear. It's hard work to make a dinner table look smart if the knife handles have turned a brilliant yellow in place of their pristine ivory, and all the lovely table linen in Shanghai can do nothing for you in these circumstances.

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At the end of a happy Christmas Day what could be more charming than to brush your hair with your new silver or enamel hair brush, your feet cosily placed on the thick, soft floor rugs that a thoughtful friend has given you? Then, giving a glance at your diamond-set wrist watch (another Christmas present) to be sure of the time, to slip under the silk-covered eiderdown quilt (Christmas present again) which is making your bed look so wonderful, for a deep and refreshing night's sleep. At any rate it does one good to think of it.

"I'm Going To Treat Myself To . . ."

A drop of good sherry; a York ham; the biggest procurable lobster, crab, and anything else that I can get hold of in that line; (Hail to thee, Poissonnerie Francaise of Avenue Joffre; this is enterprise indeed!); a glass of whisky that is whisky; a bottle of peppermint; a dozen of the creamiest cakes in town; a glass of good port; a pot of pâté de foie gras; a bite of Stilton; 2 lbs. at least of marrons glacés and a box of Elvas plums; some nice sweet white wine; and some first-rate brandy to top up with . . .

In fact, when it comes to the Christmas dinner I'm dashed well going to think of myself for a change—sez me!

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Ours is a very privileged community. Within the boundaries of the Settlement and Concession may be found samples of most of the world's foods, brought here to satisfy the gastronomic nostalgia of the various nationals. Sadly lacking are we in enterprise if each insists on sticking to his own cuisine.

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Christmas in Shanghai gives a fine opportunity for others than the British to try what is one of the world's noblest dishes—the English Christmas pudding. But it must be a pudding faithfully made from an English recipe by an English-style cook. To an untutored alien our Christmas pudding is incredible. He cannot believe the proportions of the ingredients or the time required in their boiling. Therefore he sets out to bring the thing more within the bounds of possibility and the result is catastrophic; if a Christmas pudding is not good it is awful.

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But made generously, every ounce of raisins, currants, sultanas, almonds, and every species of candied peel, conscientiously allowed to it, with nutmegs, suet, eggs by the dozen, and all the various oddments thrown in, the whole reduced to a melting pliancy not by milk, which is for babes, but by English ale and French brandy (*Vive l'Entente Cordiale!*), boiled for untold hours till it is as black as ink, served with the room in darkness, the Satanic flames of burning brandy licking 'round its base, a sprig of holly in its cap, and eaten with "hard" sauce, there is a grandeur about the English plum pudding which justifies to the full its majestic reputation.

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As for the table, to the winds with slender grace. Let it groan with an assemblage of everything sweet and salted which no one would consider eating at any other time of the year. For Christmas suggests red-faced gentlemen with high stock collars and frilled shirt fronts toasting comfortable dames in mob caps and skirts which just crinoline naturally without any hoops being needed. A sprinkling of the young, slender and handsome of course adds decoration but are not really necessary.

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Candles may well replace the Power Co.'s vintage just for the night—those tall coloured things which go so well with silver and holly berries. Benevolent over all from some corner of the room a sparkling Christmas tree is much to be desired. Well-aimed work with a can of whitewash and "Jack Frost" over it before it is dry will make it look straight from Grimm's Fairy-tales.

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For, to slightly alter the words of Charles Dickens, Christmas is close at hand in all his bluff and hearty honesty. It is the season of hospitality, merriment and open-heartedness. The old year is preparing, like an ancient philosopher, to call his friends around him, and amidst the sound of feasting and revelry, to pass gently and calmly away in spite of all the surrounding disturbances. So, gay and merry be the time in spite of everything.

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And to be extra Dingley-Dellish what about a spot of wassail?

Three pints of ale in a saucepan, a tablespoon of sugar, a little mace, a clove, a walnut of butter; boil it. The white of one egg and the yolks of two beaten thoroughly and mixed with a tablespoon of ale cold. Mix all together. Froth it thoroughly by pouring. Then put it into a big bowl with a soup ladle to spoon it out with. There should be hot apples hissing and bubbling in this boiling potion.

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By all the traditions you ought to sink panting down to the bowl of wassail after a wild game of blind man's buff, and when that has exhausted everyone there should have been snap-dragon, and when fingers are burned with that and all the raisins gone, then is the psychological moment to bring on the wassail: and "This," say you in full agreement with Mr. Pickwick, "this is indeed comfort."

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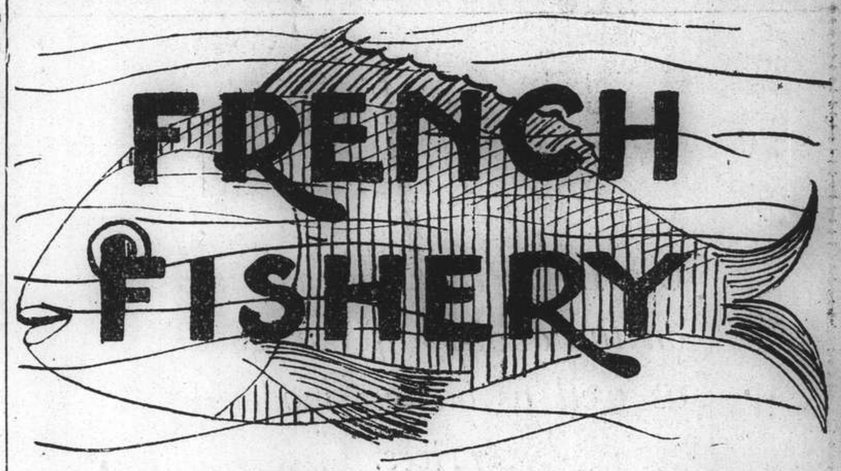

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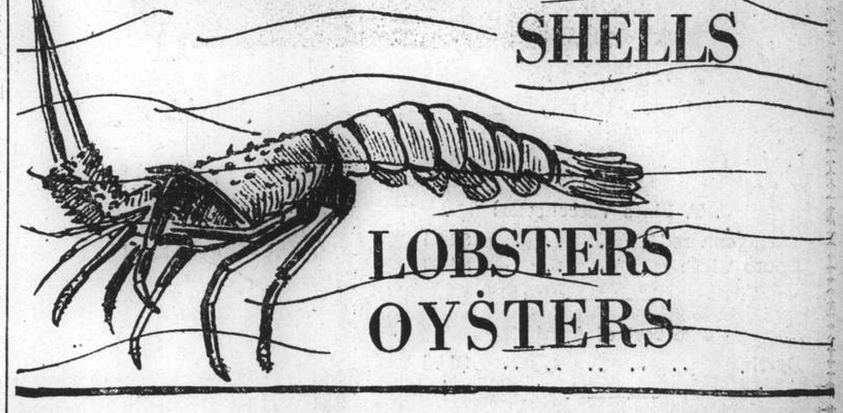

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This Toy Business . . .

It is well worth going out when the lights are lit these pre-Christmas evenings to have a look at the shop windows. The Christmas bravery and glitter stay with us for such a short time and we shall somehow miss them when they're gone and the displays are once more adapted to the requirements of the staid citizen. So let's give a cheer for Father C. and admire the snow-covered churches blazing with lights which must cost their Vestries a pretty penny to keep going. We might even crack a dollar or two for the good of the house and thus pay our footing down the Nanking Road.

Someone the other day was discovered busily addressing Christmas cards for Home. "But my dear fellow, they'll never get there in time," people said. "Don't you worry," replied the scribe, "These aren't for this Christmas. They're trailers for 1939!"

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You'd hardly believe it, but Manchester—yes, perhaps one might believe it of Manchester—really does hold an exhibition of toys during the first week of each new year which shows the specialities for the coming Christmas. By rights such secrets shouldn't be disclosed to the general public. It's rather like the way in which Hollywood insists on exposing what should be its inmost reticences. An air of gay spontaneity is much more attractive. But wait a minute—this should be true, but is it? Hollywood has at least succeeded by its outspokenness in giving the shadows of the screen an almost too abounding life, so possibly the thought of the toy dealers making their dispositions twelve months ahead for Christmas 1939 lends a live-wire feeling to the toy departments which they might not otherwise possess.

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The psycho-analysts have been bending their minds to this toy business. Don't give mechanical toys to a small child, say they. The reason why he breaks them is because he feels the insistent urge to master his environment by exercising his own muscles or changing the shape of things. You thought he was just being a naughty boy. How wrong you were! Still, they make the useful suggestion that he will be delighted with a sand pile, a bucket and spade and patty-tins, peg-boards, blocks and boxes that he can use as he likes.

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A child of five or six will get a kick out of a set of real tools, with plenty of pieces of wood, a box of waste materials, and a book that will give him suggestions for making things.

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The Duke of Kent, as the world knows, has bought a tricycle for his son, Prince Edward, aged three—and this knocks effectively on the head any idea that tricycles or bicycles at an early age may make children bow-legged. By their very silence over the Duke's purchase the British Medical Association may be considered to have tacitly signified their approval of the treadmill principle for the legs of the young. Many young would-be cyclists will be grateful to H.R.H. for what he has done—for there is little that more delights a small boy, or even a small girl, than to tear around on a bicycle.

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Other popular wheelers are prams. The laws of compensation come into the matter of perambulators—it is a great relief to a young lady's feelings to be able to tweak and lecture a doll as amah tweaks and lectures her. Sizable doll's furniture, too, is very acceptable with tables on which meals can be served. In the construction of such furniture the Chinese rattan shops are agreeably adept.

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Don't forget crackers when you are toying with the toys. More children have a passion for them than you would think and it's never satisfied, for at a party you've got to find an adversary to pull a cracker with you (you could very well do it yourself, but someone would be sure to find you out and say, "Oh, what a greedy little boy!), and it's a cream bun to a piece of bread and butter that she (it's always a she) will get the thick end with the toy in it. So that a box of crackers all to himself will bring you thanks which are really heartfelt.

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Sweets and chocolates have a rare flavour if they are brought by a scarlet-robed Father Christmas with a long and sparkling beard. From the look of the shop windows these jolly containers are still in high fashion. You can get, too, the most fascinating containers in the way of mechanical toys, etc., from the China Can Co. This firm specially goes in for these most topical and really attractive containers. They are an idea for those people who can make sweets and who like to give the results of their skill as presents. The difficulty often is in how to pack the fudges, caramels and toffees—and here's the solution to it.

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Older children generally resolve themselves into two groups—outdoor and indoor. Stern pastors and masters compel the outdoor people to go in and the outdoor to come out for their souls' and bodies' health at times, but their inclinations are usually fixed.

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Roller skates for both sexes in the outdoor group give lots of opportunities for working off bounding spirits. A football is good for the gregarious, and there are such desirabilities to be seen as baseball necessaries in the way of pads and ball.

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The finer kind of mouth-organ is a good outdoor gift too, as the possessor will certainly be sent outside to practise on it. The great game of darts may be advised as a good eye-trainer.

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Everything that lives and moves has generally immense attraction for girls and boys. Dogs are a bit too lively to be widely welcomed as occupants of the schoolroom as far as grown-ups go. But there is much to be said for fish, even that they get to know you! A small aquarium would lend that living interest to a room of which the artist so rightly realizes the necessity, and would be a definite draw on a wet day. The choice in the fish world is no longer limited to the gold and silver variety. There are angel fish, paradise fish, pencil fish, and what-have-yous.

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How about a doll's house with a garden? This is a kind of add-a-pearl present, like those lovely farms that children used to collect together a few years ago. You buy the doll's house and have a big tray fixed in front of it for the garden. Lawns are made of moss, coloured green as it fades. Gravel paths and drives are easy—sand is all that is required. A tiny living tree becomes in this Lilliput a giant cedar. Little pieces of mirror glass from ponds and streams to be crossed by miniature bridges and navigated by those wee glass ducks and swans that the shops are full of.

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The joys of furnishing the house are also long-lived. In fact a good doll's house can be handed down from mother to daughter and granddaughter and grow in value with time, if small brothers can be kept away from it, that is.

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How do you think a canary or a minah would be received by a nursery or schoolroom—the one a little saint and the other something of an old devil? The birds in the stores are such darlings that you will want to buy them all—more especially the cockatoos. These are the gentlest things as long as they are not startled, and good pets for older children, though a bit strong in the beak for the child that is small and sudden. They will come and sit on your shoulder and put their velvet-soft heads against your cheek and behave altogether adorably.

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Masks are exciting to small boys, and some satisfyingly hideous ones are about which would be fine for jumping-out-in from dark corners. Balloons are in excellent trim this year too, being in extra-special designs, and so are all decorations destined for Christmas trees. A bunch of balloons, by the way, makes a particularly choice decoration for a room if into each when it is inflated is slipped a tiny electric bulb, and the whole is combined with greenery. It is quite easy to get the bulbs inside.

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And as regards trees, if you don't want to make use of the Bubbling Well tree merchants, you can buy a whole tree ready decorated and of the kind that you can pack away and use again next year—graded in price according to height.

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The British dolls get better and better every year. The old-fashioned doll with the sawdust filled body is now infrequent, the almost unbreakable doll with jointed limbs, mama voice, and sleeping eyes, and nicely dressed, having taken its place. Many of the dolls of other years were too heavy for little girls, but now the best dolls are all light enough for the smallest toddler.

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The rocking horse in its modern form is again a great attraction. The old big rockers have given place to irons and a stand which give a better movement; it takes up only half the space of its predecessors. The skin-covered variety disappeared since women began wearing ponyskin coats and caused a big demand for skins formerly used for covering rocking horses. With the exception of the doll there is no playroom favourite which has kept its popularity against all comers like the rocking horse. It gives bored children exercise on a wet day indoors and it can be ridden again and again with new pleasure when other toys have become tedious.

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Soft toy animals are perennially popular and the furry ones most of all. There are some pretty little kittens this year, tiny pups, as well as big dogs. Rabbits, teddy bears, and ducks are others in the menagerie of favourites.

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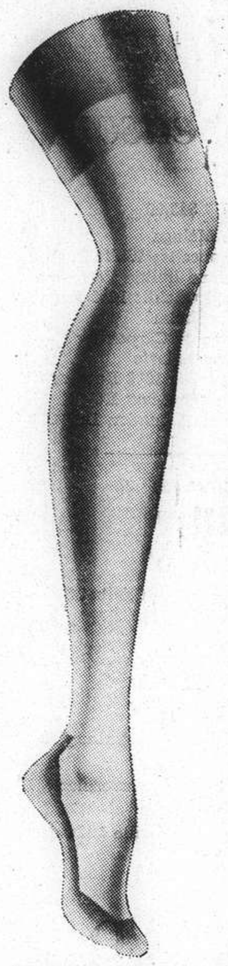

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VICE-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the British China Fleet arrived in Hongkong aboard the H.M.S. Kent on Monday.

TRANSFER of Mr. Denjiro Kato, Japanese Consul-General at Mukden, to a similar post in Tsingtao was officially gazetted by the Tokyo Foreign Office yesterday.

M. PAUL-Emile Naggiar, French Ambassador to China until his recent transfer to the Moscow Embassy, will leave New York for France on December 26. He will proceed to his new post in Soviet Russia after a brief stay in France.

MR. Mei Lan-fang, the famous female impersonator and idol of the Chinese stage, says the "Ta Wan Pao," is planning to retire from the stage. Mr. Mei has been leading a quiet life in Hongkong and only recently declined an invitation to come to Shanghai to present a series of plays.

A NEW shipment of 1939 Dodge trucks have arrived in Shanghai, according to the announcement made by Messrs. China Motors. These sturdy vehicles were built in the recently completed mammoth Dodge truck factory, situated in Detroit and are the first product from that plant to be displayed in the Orient. This great structure has a normal manufacturing capacity of 700 units daily, each of which has been processed with several of the latest methods, which add miles upon miles to the livelihood of the trucks.

THIS afternoon at 5.45 o'clock the Christmas Carol Music, which was so greatly enjoyed on Sunday evening, will be repeated in the Cathedral. The Cathedral will be decorated for Christmas, and a large congregation is expected. Many people have expressed the opinion that the Carol Service this year, with its things both new and old, and particularly in the opportunity that is given for congregational singing, is one of the best balanced and most delightful Carol Services arranged in the Cathedral for many years. The programme follows:

"Processional Hymn. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
(Choir and Congregation)
Prayers.
Carol. "Good Christian men rejoice"
(Choir and Congregation)
Lesson. St. Matthew I. 18-25
Carols.
(a) 'A babe ys borne' (Bridge)
(b) 'In excelsis gloria' (Wilson)
(c) 'Yeoman's Carol' Traditional
(d) 'Adam lay ybounden' Traditional
Hymn. 'While shepherds watched their flocks,
(Choir and Congregation)
Carol. Noel. J. A. Tebbs
Organ. Fantasia on Adeste Fideles
Geoffrey Shaw
Hymn. 'O Come all ye faithful'
(Choir and Congregation)
Recit. and Air. He shall feed his flock
Handel
(Mesdames Gain and Harvey)
Lesson. St. Luke 2, 1-20
Carols.
(a) The blessed birth. Walford Davies
(b) New Prince, new pomp
Dom Gregory Murray
(c) Welcome Yule. Parry
Carol. The First Nowell. Traditional
(Choir and Congregation)
The Blessing.

MR. Setsuzo Sawada, former Japanese Ambassador to Brazil, has returned to Japan. He is the elder brother of Mr. Renzo Sawada, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

JAPANESE businessmen are making preparations to organize various guilds in Peiping preparatory to the establishment of a Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Labour, according to Chinese reports. The guilds are to include taxi drivers, laundrymen, proprietors of foodstores, pawnshop brokers, hotel keepers and other businesses.

THE following passengers left Liverpool and other ports for Shanghai by the Sarpedon on November 26: Group-Captain R. S. Aitken, Mrs. Aitken, Mr. R. Braker-Smith, Mrs. Gill, Miss D. B. Gill, Mrs. W. R. Lambert, Master J. T. Lambert, Master G. W. Lambert, Captain W. L. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas.

THIS office has received the Christmas number of "Follow Thru," published by Bruce S. Jenkins, which contains an interesting Christmas article by Holmes Turner, student of the Shanghai American School, as well as a number of jokes, philosophical quotations, insurance items, etc. Mr. Jenkins will be pleased to send a copy to anyone on request.

TONIGHT at the French Club at 9.30 will be held the annual Hannuccah Ball. Special attractions are being arranged. Many well known people have signified their intention of attending, and since the proceeds of this Ball in addition to assisting poor Jewish children in Shanghai will also take care of some of the Jewish refugee children arriving from Europe, it is hoped that Shanghai will be generous in its attendance.

MR. Kensuke Horinouchi, new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, on Monday called on Mr. Sumner Welles, acting U.S. Secretary of State, and asked Mr. Welles to arrange an appointment for him to present his credentials to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. Horinouchi was accompanied by Mr. Yakichiro Suma, Counsellor of Embassy, and by his secretary Mr. Hisaji Hattori. Owing to illness, the retiring Ambassador, Mr. Saito, did not accompany the party. It was understood that the credentials will be presented late this week.

THE Rotary Club of Shanghai is having its Christmas programme, this week Thursday, December 22, at 12.15 p.m. in accordance with similar practice in past years. Miss Dorothy Hawkings is in charge of the arrangements, with appropriate Christmas numbers by the Cathedral Girls' School Carol singers, tableaux, etc. It will be a Ladies' Day, and in view of the excellence of the programme a large attendance is expected. To insure proper catering arrangements and satisfactory seating, members and visiting Rotarians are urged to make reservations for their guests, with the secretary previous to 12. noon, Wednesday.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Attractive Cathedral Wedding

Bishop F. Houghton of Szechuen yesterday solemnized the marriage in Holy Trinity Cathedral of Miss F. E. Adams of the China Inland Mission and Mr. E. Smyth, a missionary who is stationed in Linhai, Chekiang province. A number of friends of the couple attended the ceremony. Miss K. McCoy was bridesmaid and Mr. E. L. Kilbourne was best man, Mrs. A. B. Wilson was the matron of honour, while Ann Hoste acted as flower girl. The bride was given away by the Rev. W. H. Warren, a director of the China Inland Mission. After the ceremony a reception was held in the C.I.M. Hospital, 1531 Sinza Road.

H.M.S. Suffolk Arrives From Weihaiwei

Officer Taken to Hospital As Vessel Berths

H.M.S. Suffolk, 10,000 tons British cruiser, arrived in Shanghai yesterday morning from Weihaiwei, having left the northern port on December 17 in order to remove Surgeon Lieut. Cdr. A. R. Ewart, who had contracted smallpox, to the Municipal Isolation Hospital in Brenan Road.

As soon as the vessel berthed at the British naval buoys, a launch was sent to the shore with Lt. Cdr. Edwart on board and he was removed to the hospital by ambulance. As the officer is now in the Isolation Hospital the ship will not be quarantined and it is expected that she will leave port in early January.

Upon her arrival at Weihaiwei on December 15 the Suffolk was immediately quarantined because of two cases of smallpox on board, the quarantine regulations being lifted after the removal of the men to the Naval Hospital. Surgeon Lieut. Cdr. Ewart, who tended the men before their despatch to hospital, contracted the disease a few days later and the ship immediately left for Shanghai.

Following the arrival of the Suffolk the escort vessel Sandwich left the naval buoys for the Lower Yangtze where she will meet the convoy of British and American gunboats from Hankow.

Another new arrival today will be H.M.S. Scorpion, which is to replace H.M.S. Bee on the Yangtze Flotilla. The new ship, which has just finished trials at Hongkong, will carry the flag of Rear-Admiral Holt, Rear-Admiral of the Yangtze Flotilla.

Navigation of the Pearl River

Reuter's representative at yesterday's press conference questioned the Japanese spokesmen whether they could affirm the report published in yesterday's issue, quoting the Japanese Consul-General in Canton saying that the Pearl River would not be opened to foreign shipping until the Yangtze issue had been settled. It was stated that they, having no knowledge of the statement, preferred to make no comment. The correspondent then pointed out that six weeks ago the Japanese Consul-General in Canton had told him that he might print a statement that the Pearl River would be opened to navigation at the end of this period. Spokesmen declined to comment. Queried regarding a Hongkong report that today a Japanese shipping company would institute a service between Macao and Canton, the spokesmen denied any knowledge of the proposal.

Police Hospital Matron's Death

Inquest on the Body of Miss Martin Continues; Chair on Roof

Before Mr. I. T. Morris, H.M. Coroner, the inquest on the body of the late Miss Jean McLean Martin, matron of the Shanghai Municipal Police Hospital, who died on December 11 following a fall from the roof of the hospital, was resumed in H.M. Coroner's Court yesterday morning.

The first witness to give evidence, Miss Ethel Louise Warren, Senior member of the Nursing Staff, S.M.C., who had previously given evidence of identification at the opening of the enquiry, stated that she had known deceased as a member of the S.M.C. nursing staff and since her death she had examined the messing and petty cash books in connection with the Police Hospital and had found everything to be in order. Miss Martin, she added, was a very efficient matron and was well liked by the staff of the hospital.

Answering Mr. Morris witness said that deceased had never threatened to take her life during the period she had known her. She had had a very strenuous time during the hostilities, however, and her leave had been advanced to December of this year.

Very Popular

Miss Honor Harding Glencoe, a nursing sister on the staff of the Police Hospital, told the Coroner that she had known Miss Martin for six years and had worked with her for three years. During that time witness had found her very pleasant to work with, adding that she was very popular with the Chinese staff. She had never heard Miss Martin threaten to take her life.

On Saturday afternoon, December 10, witness stated that she had tea with Miss Martin at the hospital, and at this time all the staff was rather depressed about the death of Miss A. Z. Davies, the Assistant Matron, who had passed away in the Country Hospital on the previous day. During the tea Miss Martin showed her certain presents which she had bought in preparation for her leave.

George Edward Clarke, Senior Warder and Personal Assistant to the Governor of Ward Road Gaol, told the court that on the morning of December 11 shortly after 10 o'clock he saw two or three of the Gaol staff running towards the Police Hospital. Following them to the rear of the hospital compound he saw a ladder leading to the roof of the hospital garage, on the roof of which were three warders. Climbing on to the roof he saw the body of Miss Martin, who was pronounced dead a few moments later by Dr. Hau.

Wicker Chair

Mr. Westwood, Deputy Governor of the Gaol, then arrived and the former questioned Indian Warder No. 3 as to how the lady had entered the rear door of the hospital. His reply was that she had informed him that she was a sister and wanted to go upstairs. On the roof of the hospital they found a wicker chair in a position denoted on a photograph (produced) and looking over the wall saw the body on the garage roof directly underneath the position of the chair.

The No. 1. Chinese boy at the Police Hospital stated that on the night of December 10 Miss Martin returned home and told him that she was late because she had been to see Miss Davies. He knew that Miss Davies had died on the previous day. He served her with dinner—a cup of soup and a plate of toast—and noticed that she appeared to be very sad, probably on account of the death of Miss Davies.

On Sunday December 11 he called her at 7 a.m. and served breakfast at 8. At 9.15 she was fully dressed and ready to go out. She left at about 9.25 in a Ford car.

The inquest was then adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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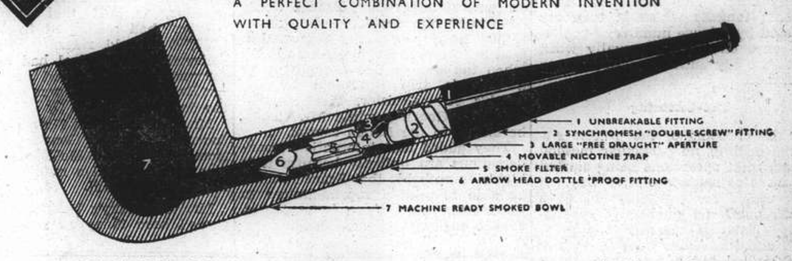

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Over Three Hundred Have Been Drilled in Past Eleven Years for Industrial and Domestic Purposes

SINCE 1927, when the first artesian well is believed to have been drilled in Shanghai, some 300 of these have come into being and supply a large number of industrial and domestic buildings with the required water.

A depth of between 300 and 500 feet is usually required, before water fit for industrial purposes is struck, whilst for domestic purposes the water only becomes suitable at a depth of between 650 and 700 feet. There are exceptions, of course, where it is not required to go so deep for potable water although, on the other hand, cases have been known where good water was only reached beyond the 900 feet mark.

When about to choose the site for a well, the engineers in charge of drilling operations usually consult the geologic surveys that have been made in Shanghai from time to time, although it appears that they have more confidence in the experiences had in the vicinity of the contemplated well. As a rule there are three sizes of wells, varying in diameter from four to eight inches. The smaller one gives approximately 150 imperial gallons of water a minute, whilst the larger one goes as high as 400.

Geological Composition

The geological composition of the earth is interesting in this city, there being approximately 28 different layers of ground which have to be passed before a depth of 700 feet is reached where potable water is usually to be found. Whilst various grades and colours of sand, mud, and clay compose these layers, Shanghai deep-well drillers are fortunate in that there are no rocks to be traversed and it is for this reason that nearly all the drilling is done almost exclusively by manual labour.

The tool used, consists of a "sore-tooth" type of drill which is made of a case-hardened especially alloyed steel. The tool is attached to the end of a stem through which water is forced during operations, which has the dual purpose of keeping the drill cool and of softening the strata about to be traversed.

It takes about six weeks of intensive work to reach potable water, rather slow progress being made during the first 24-hour day of operations on which, as a rule a depth of about 50 feet is reached. On the second day it is not unusual to make a further advance to about 150 feet below the surface, whilst operations in the last few days are tedious, as it is often found that only a few inches daily are added to the already lengthy bore. The drill is attached to chain tongues which in turn are operated by a large number of coolies who, once on the job, usually work 24 hours a day until the desired depth is reached.

Site-Choosing

In the choosing of the precise site for the drilling, no particular method is used, most operations being started in a more or less speculative way. It often occurs for instance that at a certain point, no qualitatively satisfactory water is reached at a great depth and that when another well is being drilled but a few yards away from the original one, excellent water is struck much nearer to the surface.

Greatest users of artesian-well water are industrial enterprises and large office and residential buildings, as it is estimated that the expenses connected with the drilling of a well are not warranted unless the monthly water account exceeds $400 on any particular site.

In considering, however, that a number of the larger buildings in Shanghai consume well over one million gallons a day which, calculated at the lowest actual rate would cost about $5,100 per month, it is evident that a considerable saving can be made by boring an artesian well which, according to a drilling engineer, should pay for itself in three years at the most. Once the well is working satisfactorily there are a certain amount of maintainance expenses which have to be considered. Motors have to be installed and supervised by a staff, so that the water can be pumped up to the roof tank in case of a high building or to a ground storage tank from which it is subsequently pushed up to a gravity tank at the top of the building. Water as supplied by the various waterworks on the other hand, usually comes at a sufficient pressure for it to reach about 70 feet and over.

The quality of the drinking water found in artesian wells is usually excellent and in Shanghai has always been found satisfactory for human consumption without prior treatment being necessary. It is known, however, that in certain cases, Chinese users have discontinued to use water from their artesian wells for cooking purposes because, according to them, tea made from the water, does not give the beverage the desired taste.

On the other hand, it is common knowledge that certain apartment buildings in this city are known for the excellent taste of their drinking water.

Seasonal Advantages

In summer, the advantages of obtaining water from a depth of 700 feet becomes particularly apparent as it is exceedingly cool. So cool as a matter of fact that economies are often made by first using it for air conditioning systems that may be installed in the building, where-after it goes on to the boilers to be heated. In the time during which the water is in the cooling system, it becomes slightly warmer and considerably less fuel is therefore required to heat it, the economy thus becoming easily apparent.

In winter on the other hand, artesian wells cannot freeze and thus save any trouble that may be caused by this inconvenience.

Up to now, the water supply from wells drilled in Shanghai, has been unlimited, not a single case being known where the supply of water either declined or stopped at all.

Rome Parleys Only to Concern Two Powers

Rumours of Broadening of Agenda Believed Unlikely

London, Dec. 19.

The forthcoming Anglo-Italian parleys in Rome, during Mr. Neville Chamberlain's January visit, are in accordance with the April 16 Agreement and concern only the two signatory Powers, Britain and Italy.

If the conversations were to take on general importance, France would have to be represented.

Such were the opinions expressed in qualified diplomatic circles here today when the subject was brought up of a possible trip to Rome by the Reich's Air Minister, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, while Mr. Chamberlain is in the Italian capital.

They added that international conversations are unlikely because it is highly improbable that France should be able to send a representative to Rome now, when there is tension in Franco-Italian relations.—Havas.

New Revelations in Musica Scandal

Al Capone Outdone in Bootleg Liquor Trade; Gun-Running Exploits

New York, Dec. 19.

Philip Musica, alias F. Donald Coster, was today portrayed as a bootlegger dwarfing Al Capone, as well as being a gun-runner contemplating operations sufficiently to equip a major modern army, as further evidence regarding his strange career was unfolded today.

Mr. Brien McMahon, Assistant United States Attorney General, who arrived this morning to co-ordinate the activities of the various investigating agencies, said that "Coster" began bootlegging during the early days of Prohibition, as president of Girard & Co., a hair-tonic concern. As president of this company he was enabled to withdraw and sell huge quantities of Government alcohol.

"He was then one of the biggest illicit liquor dealers in the country," Mr. McMahon said. "There is evidence that he did not quit his activities when he became president of McKesson & Robbins.

"As recently as last May 'Coster' was involved in a deal to supply 2,000,000 rifles to an unnamed foreign buyer."

Magnificent Funeral

Meanwhile Musica's funeral was held in Brooklyn today, with ceremonies and trappings in keeping with his life's activities.

Despite the fact that newspapers posted dozens of reporters at strategic points to watch for the arrival of Musica's body from Connecticut, it arrived somehow and reached the parlors of a Brooklyn undertaker unnoticed.

The services were brief but symbolic of the riches piled up during a career of 40 years of swindling. Banked around a silver-coloured casket costing U.S.$3,000 were another U.S.$3,000 worth of flowers.

Wearing handcuffs, two of Musica's brothers, Arthur and Robert, stood beside the coffin with the widow, who had only learned of her husband's true identity two days before his suicide.

Outside the undertaker's establishment light snow intermingled with rain was falling toward the close of a dismal grey day.

"Stanoil—British Company"

Meanwhile in the hearing conducted by the New York State Attorney General, Mr. Frederick Wingersky, one of the vice presidents of McKesson & Robbins, testified that last spring "Coster" had attempted to purchase 1,250,000 Enfield rifles. Wingersky believed that the deal had not been consummated. He stated that "Stanoil—a British company" was involved in the deal.

Mr. J. F. Ruggieri, New York State Assistant Attorney General, said that from 1931 to 1936 McKesson & Robbins had operated a munitions warehouse in Montreal.

Mr. Wingersky's testimony was regarded here today as staggering, in view of the fact that sufficient rifles to equip a major modern army were involved. For instance, it was estimated that at present there were only 2,200,000 such Enfield rifles in all the arsenals of the United States Government.

Mr. McMahon admitted that there had probably been a violation of the Neutrality Act. He said that the crimes attributed to Musica and his brothers "apparently occurred in several jurisdictions, including violations of the alcohol tax and the income tax laws."

He asserted that he was pressing the investigation "no matter whose name turns up."—United Press.

Long Prison Terms for Chinese Robbers

Convicted of having robbed no less than 11 pleasure seekers of their cash during curfew hours, four robbers were sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment each yesterday by the First Special District Court. Another member of the gang was sentenced to serve three years in goal for dealing in opium. Five persons who were arrested together with the sentenced men were declared not guilty and acquitted.

It was revealed by the prosecution that the favourite trick played by the accused was to commandeer motor-cars driven or hired by their victims leaving amusement resorts soon before the curfew hour began and by squeezing into the cars they were able to rob their victims of their cash. They did so at the point of pistol. In the possession of the sentenced men two pistols and 15 rounds of ammunition were found.

MacFadden's European Chief Disappears

Man Not Seen Following Ship Fancy Dress Ball

New York, Dec. 20.

The offices of MacFadden Publications advise that Mr. James Williamson, their European General Manager, and Promotion Manager, stationed in London, disappeared from his ship en route from London to Singapore.

Mr. Williamson, it is stated, disappeared after attending a fancy dress ball on board.—Reuter.

How Inquiries Started

San Francisco, Dec. 19.

Mr. Richard Bradley, businessman of Porterville, Calif., revealed today that his suit against McKesson and Robbins, Inc., started the investigation which led to the uncovering of F. Donald Coster, the president of the world's third largest drug firm, as Philip Musica, notorious swindler.

Mr. Bradley said he filed suit on the night of October 20 for U.S.$125,000, charging that stockholders were defrauded by the drug firm.

Immediately after filing his suit, the Securities and Exchange Commission showed a keen interest in the case and telephoned him, Mr. Bradley said. He revealed that S.E.C. officials asked him many questions and later indicated that a detailed investigation would be conducted.

Mr. Bradley's suit is based on allegations that he was defrauded of his rights by the refusal of McKesson and Robbins to pay dividends guaranteed by the company's bylaws.

The case is pending in the Federal Court. It was transferred to the Federal Court on November 3.—United Press.

Chinese Banks Said to Be in Sound Position

No Failures Expected Over New Year Settlement

Chinese banks in Shanghai began clearing up the year's accounts yesterday and will begin their three-day annual settlement holiday on the New Year's Day. Chinese bankers and their assistants will work hard in the next few days. The counting of interest on deposits was concluded yesterday and interests of other departments will be accounted for up to December 25.

Information obtained from banking circles indicates that, although Chinese banks have suffered losses as a result of the hostilities, the losses have been made good by large profits they have realized during the past year taking the advantage of the increased population of the city. No closure of any Chinese bank is expected, it is stated.

The foundation of the legal tender notes is reported to be firm, but the United Press of China, an organ of the new Nanking regime, reports that in May of 1939 the "Provisional Government" in Peiping will stop the circulation of Chinese government notes in the North.

A Chinese evening report stated yesterday that the Ministry of Finance will soon call a meeting of bankers to discuss plans for developing the south-west. The meeting will be held in Kunming and many Chinese bankers in Hongkong and Shanghai are said to be going.

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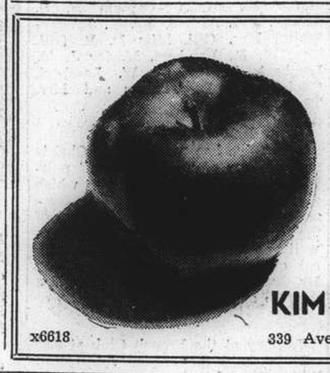
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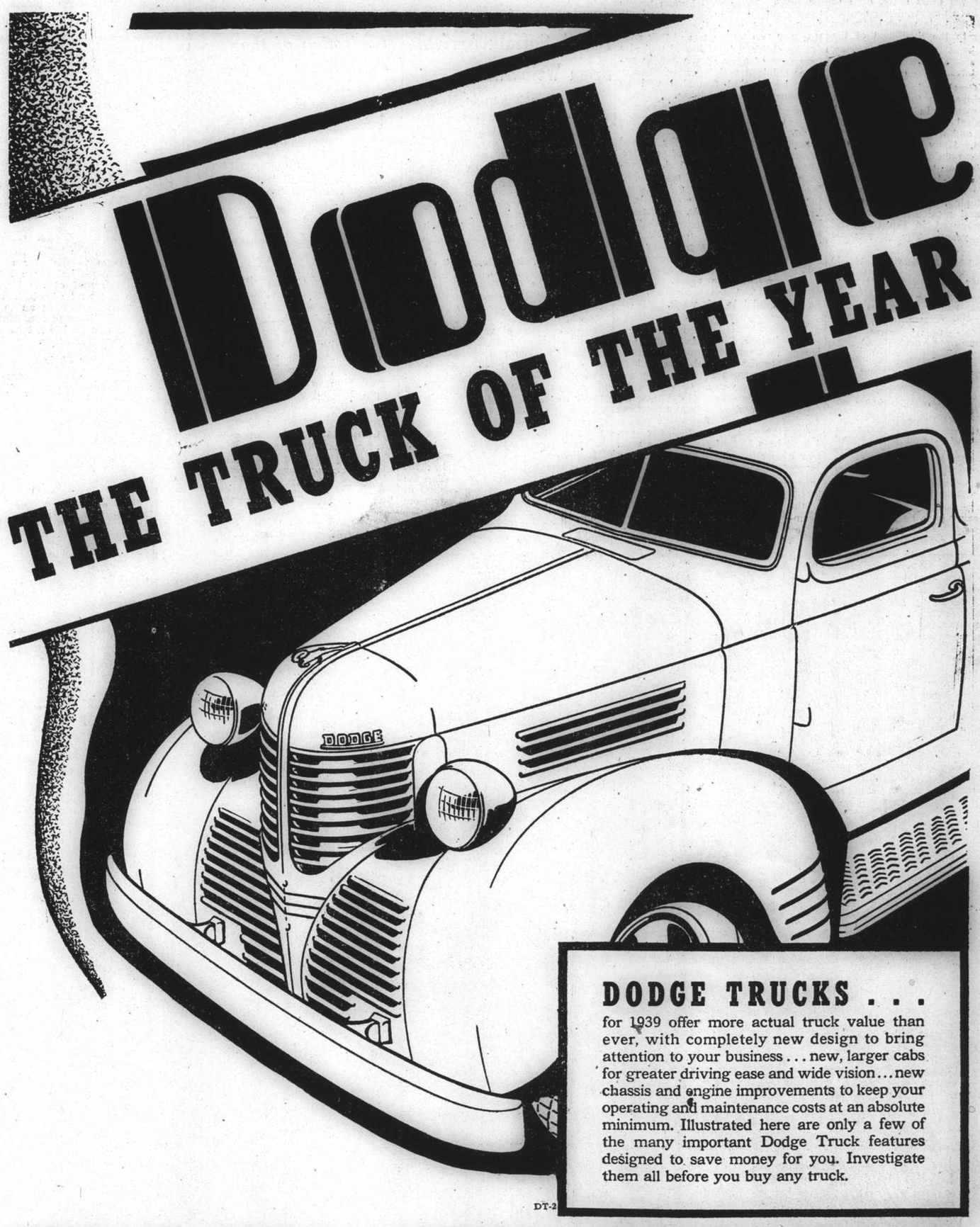

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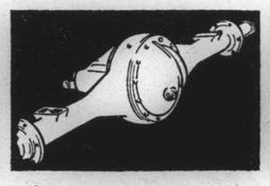
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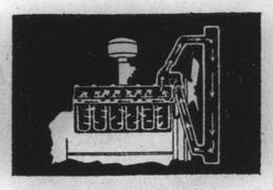
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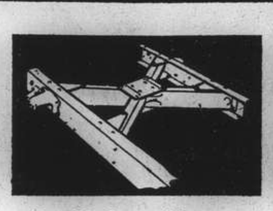
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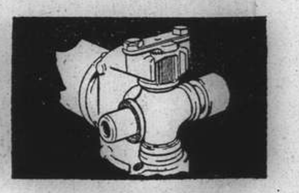
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California Makes Medical History

New Health Insurance Panel Scheme Will Be Organized Next Year

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.

The California Medical Association charted a new course in American medicine tonight when its ruling house of delegates approved of a plan of health insurance providing doctor and hospital care at low costs to subscribing laymen.

The delegates voted nearly nine to one to accept the plan, the first of its kind ever undertaken by a state medical association.

It will be put into operation through the state within the next sixty or ninety days. The Association will administer the plan through an independent profit corporation which will be operated by a special board of nine governors consisting of five doctors and two medical superintendents as well as two businessmen. Each county medical unit also will be represented by one member in the corporation.

The C.M.A. overwhelmingly rejected a suggestion that the plan be turned over to an established insurance company for operation. Foreshadowing a possible clash with smaller health insurance clinical enterprises, the Association unanimously voted to set up a special committee with powers to pass on all other health insurance plans now in operation or to be operated in the future.

Curb on "Racketeers"

The committee was empowered to forbid members to affiliate with any plans of which it disapproved. The leaders of the association explained that this step was taken not against reputable co-operative groups but against "racketeers."

The C.M.A. plan provides unlimited and limited hospital service to all subscribers who may choose their own doctor and hospital. Membership will be limited to wage earners with annual incomes of about U.S.$2,500. The governing board will decide what premium will be charged. Figures so far mentioned range from U.S.$2.50 to U.S.$2.65 a month with a special family rate to be offered later. The plan will not guarantee medical care to alcoholic persons suffering from mental disease or narcotic addicts. Persons now covered by the workmen's compensation law will also be excluded.—United Press.

Fraud Over Steamer Charter

Three Chinese Charged at District Court

Charged with fraud in which the accused promised to charter a steamer but failed to do so after collecting $7,000 in cash and a cheque for more than $4,000, three Chinese are being detained by the First Special District Court and the hearing is to be resumed on December 28. Yesterday, two more men were arrested by the police in connection with the same case and were also detained by the court to be tried together with the three men.

According to the police findings, the three men, Shih Kwang-chang, Tsao Hung-yi and Wu Chao-hwa, last month asked Lo Wan-hsiang, who owns a transportation firm in Canton Road, to charter their steamer. They discussed the lease in a Foochow Road hotel and it was later agreed that after paying the charter the trio should let Lo have the boat at a specified time. The three accused were alleged to have received a cheque from Lo but they never showed their steamer.

When asked about the steamer, the accused told their victim that the procedure for procuring a permit from the Japanese had delayed them in fulfilling their agreement. This aroused much suspicion and so the police were informed. The three accused were arrested. The police found out that besides a cheque for more than $4,000 which they did not cash the accused also had obtained by means of fraud $7,000 from Lo.

The two new arrests were made in a paper hong in Rue du Consulat, the manager of which is alleged to be the guarantor for the three accused in the deal. They were arrested when the police arrived to investigate the seal of the manager which was used in the lease. The arrested men including the manager himself are alleged to have hidden an old seal of the manager leaving a new one for the police to investigate. On suspicion that they were also involved in the fraud, they were taken into custody but no charges have been framed against them yet.

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Christmas Tree Row in Bubbling Well

Hundreds of spruces, firs and cypresses were on view yesterday along Bubbling Well Road, between Avenue Haig and Hart Road. The footpath opposite the Bubbling Well Cemetery was lined solidly with greenery, reminding Shanghailanders that it is near Christmas.

Can Japan Retain Gains in China?

Former Editor of "North China Daily News" Gives Impressions of Position

London, Dec. 20.

"Can Japan consolidate her gains in China?" is the title of an article in the "Daily Telegraph" today, contributed by Mr. Edwin Haward, former editor of the "North-China Daily News" of Shanghai.

Mr. Haward states that, starting with the intention of creating an economic bloc of North China and Manchoukuo, Japan has now to achieve complete conquest.

Anything else would be tantamount to stalemate, and virtual defeat, so that, as the struggle continues, the rights of British and other foreign traders in China are likely to be even more seriously threatened than during the past 18 months.

Back Door in Burma

China is fighting strongly with her back to the wall, Mr. Haward continues, and is desperately improvising new means of access to foreign supplies, among which the revival of the land route to Burma is significant, and deserving of the fullest support of British enterprise.

If General Chiang Kai-shek's resistance can still definitely hold up large Japanese forces, and still hold together, the roseate dreams of Japanese development companies may be dissipated, and Japan may be compelled to sing in a minor key, Mr. Haward declares.

The issue, he states, turns on the ability of the Japanese invaders to consolidate gains won in the field. Those gains were secured with palpable disregard of the rights of third parties, and there is, consequently, no obligation for such parties to study Japanese convenience.

For example, Britain has every right to seek for her trade with China every outlet available. She can develop the Burma-Yunnan trade route, and also, as a friendly neutral, assert her capacity for affording financial assistance to China.

In so doing, she can give to Japan a proper answer—all the more proper because it is in accord with the elementary decencies of international amity which, despite everything, have not yet been entirely abandoned by the West.—Reuter.

"Central Bank for East Asia"

Banking Organ for Yen Bloc Countries to Aid Development

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The idea of establishing a new and powerful bank as the central banking organ of the yen-bloc countries, namely, Japan, Manchoukuo and China, with a capitalization of 10,000,000,000, is now gaining ground among influential bankers, businessmen and members of the Upper House, according to the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" today.

According to the plan, the paper continues, the new bank will be named the "Central Bank of East Asia," and its establishment is aimed at smooth banking accommodation for the economic development and exploitation of the natural resources of Manchoukuo and China.

The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" says that the Japanese Finance Ministry is giving serious consideration to this matter.—Reuter.

Japan Note Issue Grows

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Agreement has been reached by officials of the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan to expand the securities reserve limit for note issues to Y.2,700,000,000 from the present figure of Y.2,700,000,000 by revising the necessary regulations, the "Hochi Shimbun" reported today.

The daily stated that the Finance Ministry will submit a government bill providing for the expansion of the securities reserve limit to the forthcoming session of the Diet.

At present the Bank of Japan is permitted to issue notes to the extent of Y.2,200,000,000 on the basis of a specie reserve of Y.500,000,000 and a security reserve amounting to Y1,700,000,000.—Domei.

SOME 17 Chinese fishing junks operating in Hongkong territorial waters and along the coasts of Macao, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao," were seized by Japanese naval units recently. Chinese fishermen in Hongkong, the report adds, have decided temporarily not to set out to sea again.

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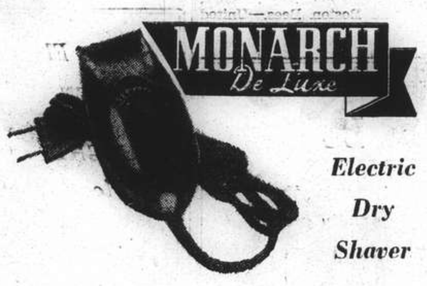

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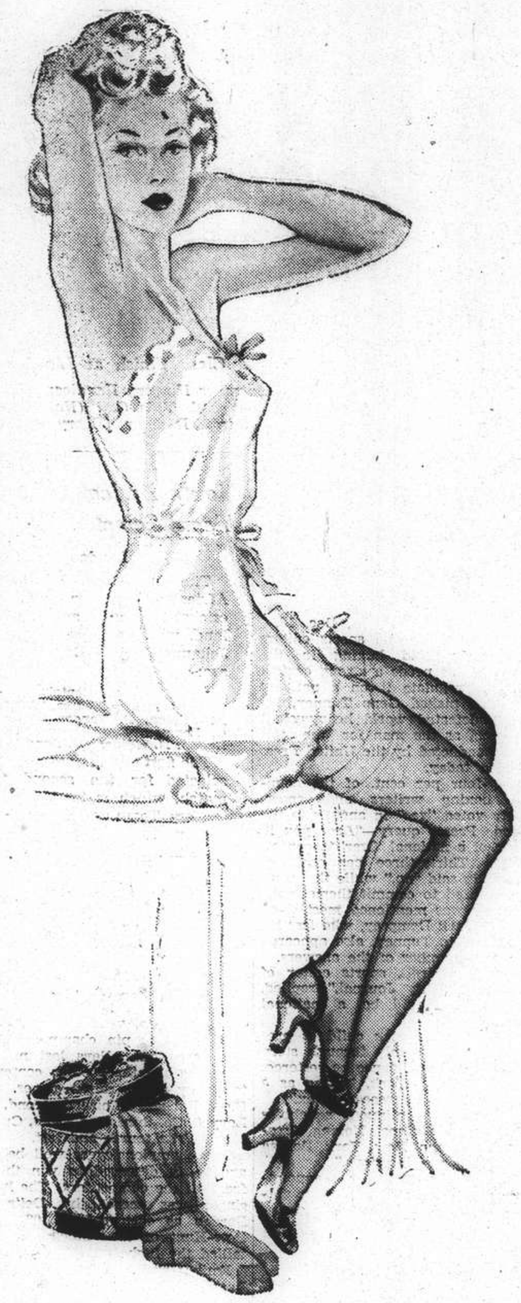

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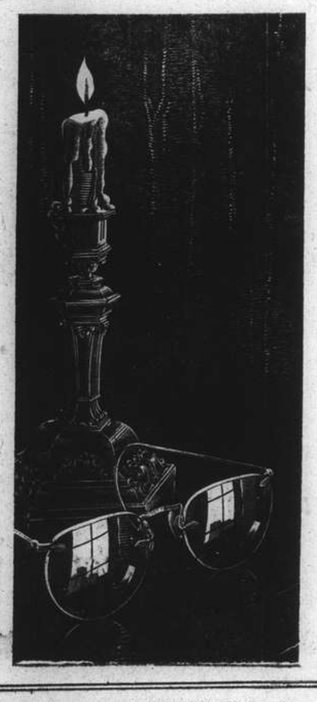

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Christmas Rugby Programme

Four Matches on Saturday; U.S. Marines to Make First Appearance of Season

RUGBY fare for the Christmas holidays is confined to four interesting games, all for Saturday, no matches being scheduled for Sunday. Perhaps this is just as well since there are no visiting representative fifteens to do battle with the pick of Shanghai, as has been the custom in recent years, and both players and enthusiasts can spend their Christmas afternoon in a well-earned rest.

The Club is placing four teams in the field on Saturday and followers of the game are assured of some excellent play, service talent being placed in opposition to the civilians in each clash.

The Club first side will meet The Army at 3.30 p.m. in what should prove to be a very close struggle, the former making only one change from the fifteen that went down last week to the French Forces, Hutchison coming in for Martin. The pack looks very strong and quite capable of more than holding its own while the outsides are now getting into their stride and are likely to be seen to advantage, especially if the ground is not too wet, their handling and determined straight running being such as to upset any team whose tackling is not up to a very high standard

The composition of the Army fifteen is as yet unknown, but with such sterling exponents as Wallis, Kerrich and Hamlin as probable starters around which to build the side, the soldiers are certain to put up a great fight. They may suffer, however, from lack of combination practice, which may be the deciding factor in the game.

Marines Practising Hard

Making their first appearance of the season, the Fourth United States Marines will emulate the feats of their predecessors of past years, by taking the measure of the Club 2nd XV. The Americans have been practising assiduously at the Race Course for the last three weeks under the tutelage of "Billy" Tingle and rumour has it that they are quickly developing into a very powerful squad. A little rusty on the finer points of the game, they are said to be extremely fast and possessors of a most aggressive and hard working set of forwards.

The Club will provide them with good opposition, almost the same side that defeated the all-conquering Tung Wen College XV being selected. The Marines may find that the civilians' better knowledge of the game will cause them trouble, but whatever happens, the "Leathernecks" can be relied upon to give their friendly foes a ding-dong tussle, for on the result of this meeting, future opponents for the Americans will probably be decided.

The Seaforths meet the Club's 3rd side at 2.15 p.m. and will have to put up a good fight to avoid defeat. The Scots are not likely to be at full strength, as their better players will most probably be engaged in the game between the Army and the Club. It looks like a win for the Club's Thirds.

At the same time on the adjoining pitch the improving French Forces 2nd XV and the Club 4th XV will clash in what should result in a close and hard fought struggle with the latter, with the advantage of more experience, getting the better of matters.

For the benefit of the large number of rugby followers who displayed so much interest in the recently concluded Invitation Series, the following are the final standings.

Group One

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
French Forces	2	2	0	17	6
British Services	2	1	1	15	15
Club 1st XV	2	0	2	14	25

Group Two

Club 2nd XV	2	2	0	28	10
Tung Wen	2	1	1	54	14
British Services 2nd XV	2	0	2	9	67

Group Three

Police	2	2	0	24	9
Club 3rd XV	2	1	1	23	10
British Services 3rd XV	2	0	2	3	31

Saturday's Fixtures

2.15 p.m.—Club 4th XV *v.* French Forces 2nd XV (Referee: Mr. L. W. Walkinshaw).

2.15 p.m.—Club 3rd XV *v.* Seaforths (Referee: Rev. P. C. Matthews).

3.15 p.m.—Club 2nd XV *v.* U.S. Marines XV (Referee: Mr. G. S. Dunkley).

3.30 p.m.—Club 1st XV *v.* The Army (Referee: Mr. E. McLaren).

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CLUB THIRD XV:—W. P Hetherington; E. S. Blackwood, R. N. Bryant, S. J. Ward, B. H. McMichael; A. Thomas, R. Laird; T. D. Adams, J. W. Chapman, D. J. Boyd, A. L. A. Bonbernard (captain), J. R. Blaikie, L. D. M. Beattie, T. R. L. Carey and F. W. Gilbert.

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RESERVES for all games:—S. M. Thornley, R. G. Sayle, R. A. Calder, R. E. Moon, E. G. Davis, G. L. Hinds and L. G. Shellam.

Those selected, including reserves, to play for Club sides who are unable to do so, are requested to communicate with Mr. A. M. Kennedy (Telephone 12830) not later than 5 p.m. Friday, in order that arrangements may be made to replace them.

Columbia Country Club Collapses

Little Chance Seen Now Of Overtaking Foreign Y.M.C.A. at Pin Game

Defeating the Columbia Country Club "Blues" yesterday by the odd game in three, the Women's Sports Section of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. have practically captured the championship of the Inter-Club Duck Pin League. The "Y" bowlers need to win only one game to ensure themselves of the title.

This crucial contest took place at the Columbia Club and resulted in a close and exciting finish in each one of the three games. The visitors won the opening string by a margin of 512 to 505 chiefly through the sterling performances of Miss Volein and Mrs. Horton, who gained 114 and 113 in respective order. For the home team Mrs. Cardwell did well with 119.

The second game saw the trailers come back to even the score by winning at 489-484. Mrs. Cardwell continued to roll brilliantly, getting 114. In the third and deciding string, the "Y" again took the edge by 491-482.

Mrs. Caldwell turned in the best score of 331 while Miss Volein followed closely with 324. The only women besides these two stars who passed 300 were Mrs. Schuster, 304, and Mrs. Horton, 302.

The "Reds" of the Columbia Country Club gained second place in the League by defeating the Marine Ladies in the latter's alleys, 2-1. The service team were no match for the Reds but they suddenly rose from obscurity in the third game and won the string by 457-448. The scores for the first two games were 465-437 and 418-397.

At the German Club the visiting American Club were victorious by a third 2-1 score in the day's play.

Y.M.C.A. (2)				
Mrs. Zee	90	97	111	298
Mrs. Kwok	97	88	97	282
Miss Volein	114	99	111	324
Mrs. Malleck	98	92	91	281
Mrs. Horton	113	108	81	302
	512	484	491	1,487

C.C.C. Blues (1)				
Mrs. Campbell	100	83	100	283
Mrs. Gray	87	88	97	272
Mrs. Dalton	94	104	88	286
Mrs. Cardwell	119	114	98	331
Mrs. Schuster	105	100	99	304
	505	489	482	1,476

C.C.C. Reds (2)				
Mrs. McClellan	93	83	94	270
Mrs. Freeman	83	78	95	256
Mrs. F. Nance	80	80	80	240
Mrs. Putnam	104	92	94	290
Mrs. Geibel	105	85	85	275
	465	418	448	1,331

Marine Ladies (1)				
Mrs. Allen	94	78	120	292
Mrs. Johnston	96	88	86	270
Mrs. Hommel	85	73	81	239
Mrs. Coffman	83	77	81	241
Mrs. Krulak	79	81	89	249
	437	397	457	1,291

American Club (2)				
Mrs. Evans	93	79	87	259
Mrs. Lamneck	93	87	77	257
Mrs. Kops	89	80	82	251
Mrs. Deegan	99	76	82	257
Mrs. Jensen	95	85	87	267
	489	407	415	1,291

German Club (1)				
Mrs. Wieda	84	106	85	275
Mrs. Limann	87	92	82	261
Mrs. Eggers	77	79	76	232
Mrs. Sachs	71	78	85	234
Mrs. Hidner	83	86	83	252
	402	441	411	1,254

Mansfield, Halifax Draw, Draw, Draw

London, Dec. 20.

The second replay yesterday, at Doncaster, between Mansfield and Halifax, in the second round of the F.A. Cup, resulted in a goalless draw.

Extra time was played but as in both the previous matches no definite decision was reached. The winner of the match will meet Birmingham in the 3rd round of the Cup on January 7.—Reuter.

Baron von Cramm Not Returning to Tennis

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New York, Dec. 20.

According to Donald Budge, the American lawn tennis champion, he has received a letter from the German tennis ace, Baron von Cramm, denying reports that he intends to participate in the 1939 Davis Cup.

The letter states that Baron von Cramm is not leaving Germany, but is taking up a "domestic banking appointment."—Reuter.

Close Finish at Lingfield

Just before the finish of the November Nursery Handicap Plate at Lingfield with the winner, Petty Session (Lacey up) fighting it out with Yule Call (No. 27) and His Majesty's Judy which came third. Rumour (Beary up) is behind.

"Boxing Sick Child of Professional Sport"

Ring Writers Now Want Centralization

New York, Dec. 16.

Boxing writers and sports editors of America said boxing in the United States needs a strong central figure to regulate it on a national basis and picked Gene Tunney, retired undefeated world heavyweight champion, as the man for the job, a poll conducted by the United Press revealed today.

Sixty-four per cent. of the country's boxing writers and sports editors voted "yes" in answer to the United Press query—"Are you in favour of a national 'Czar' to control boxing. Thirty-three per cent. of the scribes said "no," while three per cent. refused to commit themselves.

Tunney was mentioned most often although Jack Dempsey, who lost his world title to Tunney, also appeared in a large number of the answers.

Park E. Carroll, sports editor of the "Kansas City Journal," replied, "Yes, there should be a national 'Czar.'

"Boxing is the sick child of professional sport. Only through stern measures will confidence be restored. Outside of New York, boxing as a major activity has ceased to exist.

"The almost continuous squabbles between the National Boxing Association and the New York Boxing Commission are injurious."

One ballot suggested the appointment of a "Federal man" to straighten out the tangle."—United Press.

All-Convict Football Game Planned

To Precede Cotton Bowl College Contest

Dallas, Dec. 16.

If plans set in motion today materialize, Dallas may see the country's first "all-stir" football game as a special attraction prior to the annual Cotton Bowl clash between Texas Tech and St. Mary's on January 2.

The holding of the "all-convict" championship depends on the ability of the local authorities to find a suitable opponent to oppose the powerful Texas State (penitentiary).

Warden McAlester of the Oklahoma Prison declined the invitation because he said he had no special facilities for the transportation of his convicts.

Plans call for the holding of the game in the Cotton Bowl just before the annual tussle.—United Press.

Scottish Cup First Round Draw

London, Dec. 20.

The following is the draw for the first round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on January 21:—

Huntley *v.* Motherwell
Edinburgh City *v.* Stranraer
Kilmarnock *v.* Berwick Rangers
Falkirk *v.* Brechin City
Clyde *v.* St. Johnstone
Leith Athletic *v.* Airdrieonians
Raith Rovers *v.* Glasgow Rangers
Falkirk Amateurs *v.* Elgin City
Forfar Athletic *v.* Hibernian
Blairgowrie *v.* Dumbarton
King's Park *v.* Babcock & Wilcox
Alloa *v.* Ayr United
Queen's Park *v.* St. Cuthbert Wanderers
Burnt Island *v.* Celtic
St. Mirren *v.* East Stirling
Boness *v.* Hamilton
Dundee *v.* St. Bernards
Duns *v.* Girvan
Dundee United *v.* Stenhousmuir
East Fife *v.* Montrose
Cowdenbeath *v.* Partick
Queen of the South *v.* Arbroath
Aberdeen *v.* Albion Rovers
Nithsdale *v.* Buckie Thistle
Dunfermline *v.* Morton
Third Lanark *v.* Clachnacudden
Hearts *v.* Penicuik.—Reuter.

Seabiscuit Favourite for Santa Anita Classic

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.

Despite drawing the top weight of 134 pounds, six pounds more than the second heaviest weight. Seabiscuit, champion horse of the year, became a firm 5-to-1 favourite today to win the U.S.$100,000 Santa Anita classic in March. Stage Hand, winner of the race last year, drew second top weight. The weight drawings were held yesterday.—United Press.

South African Test Team Selected

London, Dec. 20.

The members of South Africa's team for the first cricket test match against England, which will be played at Johannesburg on December 24, are:

Alan Melville, Captain, Bruce Mitchell, Dudley Nourse, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, P. Vanderbyl, A. B. C. Langton, E. Q. Davies, E. L. Dalton, N. Gordon, G. Bond.

The first eight have also been selected for the second test match, which is to take place in Cape Town on December 31.—Reuter.

Brokers Compete on Bowling Alleys

White & Co. Takes Trophy While Swan Pays Chits

White & Co. won the first annual brokers' duck pin championship in the Race Club alleys last night by defeating the three other contending teams by nine straight games. The Stock Exchange finished second, S. E. Levy & Co. third, and Swan, Culbertson & Fritz fourth and last.

The champions were well balanced and fairly deserved to win the cup from all the competitors. The highest single was scored by Deitz and Borden as each gained 108. J. O. Pote-Hunt of the Stock Exchange tallied the highest triple of 301.

Emil Gensburger, anchor-man of Levy's, saved his team from occupying the cellar berth and also, according to condition of the competition, signing the chits for drinks and refreshments during the evening. Gensburger knocked down 94 pins in the third game to help the Levy five beat the Swan, Culbertson quintette by a difference of three pins at 424-421, which eventually decided the stake.

Complete results were:—

White & Co.				
Deitz	108	96	88	294
White, A. G.	83	79	105	267
Marshall	93	94	79	266
Borden	101	82	108	291
White, A. V.	89	102	91	282
	474	455	471	1,400

Stock Exchange				
Wang	77	71	64	212
Hillay	77	86	83	246
Crosthwaite	80	86	78	244
Judah, D. B.	94	96	107	297
Pote-Hunt	105	96	100	301
	433	435	432	1,300

Levy & Co.				
Hollzer	84	78	81	243
Concoff	67	76	82	225
Heyser	87	77	78	242
Aufwerber	92	92	89	273
Gensburger	95	99	94	288
	425	422	424	1,271

Swan, Culbertson				
Campos	94	75	83	252
Cumming	81	70	80	231
Portaria	81	81	89	251
Judah, S. A.	82	79	85	246
Quincey, J. O.	97	105	84	286
	435	410	421	1,266

Team Standings

	Games Won
White & Co.	9
Stock Exchange	5
Levy & Co.	2
Swan, Culbertson	1

Transvaal Secures Draw With M.C.C. Tourists

Ames' Magnificent Batting Feature of Game

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.

The M.C.C. knocked up 268 all out at the conclusion of their match against the Transvaal here yesterday.

Ames made 109, and Davies took six wickets for 82.

The Transvaal, in their second innings, knocked up 174 for two, with Curnow accounting for 51 of the total.

The match was a draw.

A feature of the game was Ames's brilliant performance. He scored two sixes, and five fours.

The "tail-enders" collapsed before Davies, the Transvaal's fast bowler, who took the last four wickets for only 19 runs.—Reuter.

Consolation Basketball

The annual Consolation Basketball League is to begin this season on December 27 and continue with games on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the first game on each night beginning at 5.30 p.m. All competition will be on the court at the Navy Y.M.C.A.

Baseball Trade

Pittsburgh, Dec. 16.

The Pittsburgh Pirates announced today that they had traded their outfielder, John Dickshot, for an unannounced cash sum and Ray Mueller, catcher of the Boston Bees.—United Press.

Seven-Mile Run for Cross-Country Men

International Event to Be Held January 15

A 7-mile international open cross-country championship race sponsored by the Hongkew Cross-Country Club will start at 8 a.m. on January 15. The start and finish of the race will be at the gate of Kwong Hsia Middle School, Moulmein Road.

The regulations of the race are as follows:—

Teams shall consist of eight or ten runners but only the first six to finish will count for team points.

The remainder shall be considered individual entries. Points will be awarded on the order at the finish (excluding individual runners), and the team which scores the lowest aggregate will be the winning team. Entries are being opened for those who are interested and a list of competitor's names must be sent to 815 Avenue Road by registered letter. No fee will be charged. In order to make the distance more familiar practices are being held at 7 a.m. every Sunday morning.

Japanese Tennis Men To Invade Manila

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Mr. Takeo Matsumoto and Mr. Katsumi Matsuoka will represent Japan at the Ninth All-Philippines Tennis Tournament to be held at Manila from January 26 to February 4.

Mr. Matsuoka is now attending Hosei University. He was runner-up in the men's singles of the All-Japan Championship in 1933 and visited Manila early this year. Mr. Matsuoka is a student at Keio University.—Domei.

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Special Christmas Fare for Troops in Shanghai

Arrangements for British, American and French Celebrations; Sergeants as Waiters

"SERGEANT, fetch me some more plum pudding" orders the private soldier, and meekly, the Sergeant, whose stentorian tones on the drill square would scare a legion of the most ferocious wild beasts, obeys the command, and places another helping before the soldier. This is not a page out of the most fantastic of fiction stories but a reality, but it only happens during one day of the whole year, for on Christmas Day the ordinary "Tommy" in the British Army comes into his own and woe betide the N.C.O. who does not serve him in the real Savoy Hotel style. It has been the custom in British regiments for many years past to give their men a real happy Christmas, and with this object in view, extra special Yuletide fare, including plum puddings, and a host of other good things make their appearance on the messroom table, duties are cut down to the minimum, and to make the observance even more pleasant, Sergeants act as waiters. There is one snag, however, to the latter innovation, for if a misguided "Tommy" may happen to raise his voice should his soup be a little cold and upbraid the poor waiter, there are still 364 days during the year when Sergeants are Sergeants and not waiters.

Christmas time in the Army is a time of pleasure for the soldier, and although the "Tommy" serving abroad may count himself very unlucky not to be at home with the old folks, there is no doubt that these men who are thousands of miles away from their native heaths, have a more elaborate spread than do their compatriots in the barrack towns of England, America and France, who have been unlucky enough not to have gained Christmas furlough. For the men serving abroad the authorities of each country give a special thought as Yuletide approaches, and for them comes the best of food, some of it from Home, and plenty of leizure time.

In Shanghai the British, American and French forces will celebrate Christmas in the traditional style, much care having been devoted to the arrangements by the officers of each unit, whose special duty it is at this time of the year to see that the men, many of whom have precious little leizure owing to onerous perimeter and guard duties, receive a great deal of pleasure during this festive season.

All arrangements have been concluded to give the men of the 2nd Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, a real rousing Christmas, and even those soldiers who have been unlucky enough to be detailed for perimeter and guard duties, will receive their share of the special fare which is to be served on Christmas Day.

The East Surreys

At the Great Western Road billets at 12.30 p.m. and at the Jessfield Park billets at 1.15 the men of the Regiment will be served with their Christmas dinners, which include 30 plum puddings, all sent from Home, and roast pork. In addition there will be a plentiful supply of beer and cigarettes with a goodly number of Sergeants to act as waiters. During the dinner the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. E.L.L. Acton, will visit each messroom and wish all ranks a "Merry Christmas." In the evening the majority of the men will visit the Union Jack Club where a special concert has been arranged for them.

The Seaforth Highlanders, being a Scottish unit, do not celebrate Christmas, but even so special diets have been prepared for Yuletide and all ranks will have a Christmas dinner on December 25. Arrangements have been completed to celebrate the New Year in traditional Scottish style and on this occasion the messrooms will be decorated, and Sergeants will act as waiters.

At the Hospital

At the British Military Hospital in Central Road members of the Royal Army Medical Corps and attached personnel will celebrate Christmas in grand style, for on this day duties have been reduced to a minimum for the private soldiers and a grand spread is to be served. This applies also to patients in the hospital although the unfortunate ones who have been placed on "special diets" will no doubt feel the pangs of hunger as they watch their more fortunate companions delving into the pudding with gusto. At the end of the dinner there will be a "go as you please concert."

Other British units in the city, including the Royal Army Service Corps, the Royal Corps of Signals, the Headquarters Staff, the Corps of Military Police and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, will celebrate in the same style as the larger Corps, special Christmas food and other good things having been ordered for the men.

Concert and Dances

Festive arrangements at the Union Jack Club, which caters solely for the British serviceman, have been concluded and Christmas dinners will be served there on the night of December 25. In addition there will be a concert in the evening and many distinguished artists have given their services. The British Forces Recreation Centre, too, have decided to make this Christmas better than ever and dances have been arranged for the men of all units. It is stressed that admittance for ladies is by invitation only. In addition there will be a special feed for the boys of both the East Surreys and the Seaforth Highlanders.

Illustrating the real goodwill spirit of Christmas the Fourth United States Marines have made arrangements to celebrate their Yuletide by bringing joy to others for they will provide sumptuous dinners for 160 children.

At the Headquarters Mess on Christmas Day 30 children from St. Olga's Orphanage will be served with a Christmas dinner and on December 23, 70 children from the Blind Institute, now at St. Luke's Hospital, will have their food taken to them by members of the First Battalion. The Second Battalion will deliver 60 dinners to Russian refugee children on Christmas Day.

Fourth Marine Club

Already the Fourth Marines Club is a blaze of lights in preparation for December 25 and the words "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" flash in brilliant colours across Bubbling Well Road. There will be a party for the children of enlisted men at the library of the Club on Christmas Eve and a member of the Regiment will act as Santa Claus. In addition there will also be a "Home-going Dance" on New Year's Eve when members of the unit will be able to invite their civilian friends to the club.

The French Forces in Shanghai will fare just as well as their foreign colleagues and special food will grace their tables during Christmas Day. There will also be special services on that day for the men and Lieut.-Col. Perretier, the commander, will wish them all a "Happy Christmas."

Pope Recovers from Heart Attack

Vatican City, Dec. 20.

The Pope is understood to have recovered from his attack of cardiac asthma, which has proved to be not as serious as was at first thought.—Reuter.

Orchestra Will Give Xmas Programme

School Children to Sing Next Monday

A special Christmas programme will be given by the Municipal Orchestra in the Lyceum Theatre, on Monday, December 26, at 3 p.m.

The programme is as follows:—

1.—A Children's Overture ....R. Quilter
for small Orchestra

2.—(a) We Three Kings of Orient are
(b) The Virgin's Cradle Song
(c) A Christmas Song.
Mixed Chorus from the Public and Thomas Hanbury School for Girls.

3.—(a) Cradle Song
(b) Ye Angelus Bell
Soloist: BETTY UMPLEBY
(c) Christians Awake
Mixed Chorus from the Cathedral School for Girls.

4.—(a) The Grasmere Carol
(b) Tyrley Tyrlow
Mixed Chorus from the Yu Yuen Road Public School for Girls.

5.—(a) Gloria (from Mozart's Twelfth Mass) (in Chinese)
(b) Arise! Shine!
Mixed Chorus from the Secondary School for Chinese Girls.

6.—Three Songs with Piano acc.
(a) Vespers
(b) Wind on the Hill
(c) The New Umbrella
Soloist: Mrs. P. D. G. GAIN
At the Piano: Miss LEYDA PEZZINI

1.—Quartet of Clarinets
(a) Adagio from "Faust"....Gounod
(b) Murmuring Breezes .....Roung
Performers:—Masters Paul Donnelson, John Roberts, Robert McMullen, Hundley Wiley.
from the Shanghai American School

2.—(a) Ich Sten an Deiner Krippe Hier
(b) Nun Singet und seid Froh
(c) Ehre sei Gott in Hohe
Mixed Chorus from the Kaiser Wilhelm Schule.

3.—(a) In Excelsis Gloria
(b) Myn Lyking
(c) New Prince, New Pomp
Mixed Chorus from the Cathedral School for Boys.

4.—(a) Tous Les Bourgeois de Chatres
(b) Voyage a Bethleem
Mixed Chorus from the College Municipal Francaise

5.—(a) The Lark
(b) Polka Dancing Song
(c) New Years Hymn
Mixed Chorus from the Russian Commercial School.

6.—Holy Night
to be sung by the massed choruses—The Audience is kindly requested to join in the singing.

Japanese Interfere With Concessions

Protests Made in Hankow And Tientsin Over Action On Boundaries

Hankow, Dec. 20.

Following a public protest by the leading foreigners in the French Concession yesterday against the action of Japanese sentries who refused to allow foreigners to bring their personal provisions into the Concession, interference with foreigners has ceased.

The day before yesterday a number of foreigners' cars were stopped at the Concession gates, the occupants ordered out and the vehicles ransacked.

It has since been semi-officially explained that the sentries were exceeding their orders.

The embargo against Chinese taking food into the French Concession continues.—Reuter.

"Military Precautions"

Questioned at yesterday's press conference on restrictions placed on the entry and exit of foodstuffs and Chinese into and from the French Concession in Hankow, Japanese spokesmen stated that only ordinary military precautions were being taken, inasmuch as there were a large number of Japanese troops in the Wuhan area. There was no definite scheme to restrict access to the Concession.

To the suggestion that Chinese were not allowed entry, it was stated that all Chinese bearing passes were allowed to enter or leave before curfew hours. A correspondent asked if it were true that Chinese foodstuffs were prohibited from going into the Concession; the reply was made that food carts had to be examined in the usual manner.

Were the restrictions in Hankow and Tientsin comparable with those existing round Shanghai?—Purposes of restriction were the same; to prevent undesirables from travelling to and fro. It was difficult to make an exact comparison, it was added, unless one went to Hankow and observed conditions first hand.

By way of further explanation, a spokesman pointed out that Japanese sentries on border duty in the Shanghai area on searching Chinese had found grenades in bamboo poles, pistols in cabbage baskets, and ammunition in bedding.

No one of the spokesman said he had any knowledge of a Japanese vessel arriving in Hankow with two or 300 Japanese civilians including women and children on board.

Interference in Tientsin

Tientsin, Dec. 20.

Japanese military authorities here today suggested to British Concession officials to arrange for the transportation of foodstuffs required by residents in their area in motor trucks so as to prevent delays on the Concession boundaries.

This followed the lodging of a firm British protest yesterday with the Japanese military headquarters over the refusal of Japanese sentries on the Concession border to allow the passage of five cows and their driver. The cows were said to be on their way to the British barracks.

In their reply, it was understood, the Japanese authorities pointed out that the examination of persons entering and leaving the French and the British Concessions, begun on December 17, was for the purpose of apprehending anti-Japanese and pro-Communist elements who were seeking to maintain contact with their accomplices outside of the foreign-controlled areas.

Chinese cart-drivers, hawkers, and others, the Japanese officials were said to have stressed, were frequently suspected of serving as such agents. Hence, the ban on the cows and their drivers.

A request for continued co-operation by the British authorities in this Japanese effort to maintain peace and order was also made, it was understood.—Domei.

Tientsin Foreigners Prepare

Tientsin, Dec. 20.

The precautionary measures, instituted by the Japanese military and Chinese police a few days ago on the boarders of the British and French areas, were continued today, with evidence that they might be tightened.

There is now no delivery of the "Peking & Tientsin Times" outside the Concessions. Residents of the Concessions are calmly preparing for an emergency, including the investigation of their foodstocks although foodstuffs are still coming into the Concessions in fair quantities.

Colonel Hitaka, the army spokesman from Peiping, was bombarded with questions on the subject, at the press conference today, but he declared that the situation had a "political nature."

General Gen Sugiyama, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in North China, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Kenji Doihara, inspected the Japanese garrison and barricades on the Concession borders yesterday.—Reuter.

More Jewish Refugees Arrive

Council Places Building at Their Disposal

Some 560 Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria arrived here yesterday afternoon aboard the ss. Conte Biancamano which came alongside the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf shortly after 2.30 o'clock.

Owing to the difficulties encountered by the committee in charge of these refugees in finding suitable accommodation for them, the Shanghai Municipal Council has placed at their disposal a building at 138, Ward Road which had hitherto been used as a Chinese primary school. The building is capable of accommodating about 350 foreign refugees.

Suspended Term for Extortion

Chinese Detective Who Got Bribe from Garage Owner

Found guilty of having extorted $1,300 from a motor car repair shop owner, a Chinese detective attached to the Bubbling Well Police Station named Chang Teh-sen was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court but the sentence was suspended for four years. His accomplice, Koo Chi, received a 6-month prison term charged with aiding and abetting in the crime.

According to the court findings, Chang visited his victim Tong Keng-foh, proprietor of the motor car repair shop in 291 Weihaiwei Road on December 3 alleging that Tong had bought three trucks the origin of which was suspicious, and threatening to turn him over to the Japanese authorities. He told his victim that the latter would be executed by the Japanese if he were handed over.

Chang suggested that Tong should pay $5,000 to him in order to have the matter hushed up and introduced the second accused as the middle man and guarantor in the deal. As Tong could not pay that much, negotiations later resulted in Chang agreeing to receive $1,300 which sum was actually collected by the second accused and turned over to Chang.

Chang was arrested by his colleagues when he showed up himself at the Weihaiwei Road shop in order to demand more money.

It is understood that the sentenced men will have to pay in full the money which they extorted from their victim who has filed a civil action against them.

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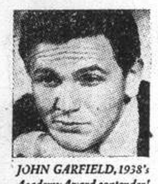

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

Tuesday, December 20, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16	$28.87
U.S. $100 @ 16 3/16	$617.76

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 13/32	$28.550
U.S. $100 @ 16 3/8	$610.68
London—demand	8 13/32
4 months' sight credits	8 7/16
4 months' sight docts	8½
6 months' sight credits	8 15/32
6 months' sight docts	8 17/32
New York—demand	U.S. $16 3/8
4 months' sight credits	16 7/16
4 months' sight docts	16 9/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts	Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	8 21/64	U.S.	$16¼
Hongkong/London	1/3		

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 3/16	$617.76
Hongkong $55 3/8	$100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	30 1/8
Java Guilders	"	30 1/8
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	29½
Java Guilders	"	29½

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$619.687	£1=$28.657
Selling	U.S.$100=$617.761	£1=$28.875

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.95½=$1 Belgas 27.62=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 2.96=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.71½=$1
Tourist Lire 3.27 ... $1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39¾
$100=Reg. Mk. 72.00 incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	8 3/8	Lowest	8 21/64
U.S. G.$		16 9/32		16 7/32
Yen		—		—

MERCHANT'S CLOSING RATES

SELLING		BUYING	
Cash		December	
£ T.T.	8 5/16	4 m/s. l.c.	8 13/32
G.$ T.T.	16 3/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16 3/8
Fcs. T.T.	615	4 m/s.	630
Rs. T.T.	46 3/8	7 d/s.	47

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 1/8	19 9/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 totals	51.01	—
Bombay offtake 25 bars.		

London silver was ⅛ up for ready and 1/16 up forward, being 20⅛ for ready and 19 9/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was 1 anna up at 51.01.

It was reported speculators bought. Offerings were small. Market steady. After the official fixing the market rules quietly steady for cash and rather dull for forward. There were sellers at the fixed rate.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 5/16 sterling and 16 3/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was quiet in the morning opening with sellers at 8 5/16 sterling and 16 3/16 U.S.$ for cash and December, closing at noon with rather better sellers and buyers inclined to be satisfied. In the afternoon there was a brief firmness, business being done as high as 8 23/64 sterling and 16 9/32 U.S.$, but there was a sharp reaction and the market closed with best sellers at:

8 21/64	sterling	16 7/32	U.S.$	Cash/Dec.
8 13/32	"	16 7/32	"	Jan.
8¼	"	16 5/32	"	Feb.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 19.

Japan	78 5/8	London	1/5 31/32
New York	287⅛	2 mths	
Shanghai	49	" (sellers)	1/5 7/8
Hongkong	86¼	" (buyers)	1/5 29/32

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	467.43	Shanghai	8¾d. N.
Paris	177.50	Bombay	1/5 15/16
Berlin	11.65	Hongkong	1/3 1/16
Amsterdam	8.60	Singapore	2/4
Brussels	27.75½	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	100.00	" (buying)	unq.
Milan	88.80	C'slovakia	136.37S.
Berne	20.66¼	S.—Sellers	

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.11	Brazil	5.95
Spain	Unq.	Japan	27.28
Holland	54.30	Shanghai	16.35
Paris	2.63½	Austria	Unq.
Brussels	16.84½	C'slovakia	3.42½
Italy	5.26¼	Hungary	19.80
S'zerland	22.63	Rumania	0.74
Sweden	24.09	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Norway	23.50	Greece	0.85 7/8
Denmark	20.88	Bulgaria	1.25
Montreal	99.060	Poland	18.92½
London			4.67¾
" Demand			4.67 5/8
" Bankers' 60 days bills			4.66 7/8
" Commercial 60 days bills			4.66 7/8
Buenos Aires, Paper			29.02
" " Market Rate			22.65
Montreal on London			4.72⅛

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Dec. 19.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 20	Opening 9.45 a.m.	Prices 2.45 p.m.
Antamok	.49	.49
Balatoc	9.30	9.30
Benguet Consolidated	12.50	12.50
Coco Grove	.49	.50
Consolidated Mines	.003	.003
Demonstration	.27	.27
Masbate	.19	.18
North Camarines	.62	.63
San Mauricio	1.74	1.72
Surigao Consolidated	.35	.35
United Paracale	.57	.57
Turnover: 483,000 Pesos.		
Shares Index: (closing prices)		105.34.
Atok	.25*	.25
Batong Buhay	.023	.022
Ixl	.62	.63
Mine Operations	.14	.14
Suyoc	.20	.20

*—Ex. Dividend.—Reuter.

Reichsmark Rates

Berlin, Dec. 19.

Reichsmark quotations without guarantee: New York, 40.11, Paris 1523.—, Amsterdam 73.75 to 73.80, London 11.6505.

Paris quoted sterling at 177.48 to 177.54 and the U.S. dollar at 37.92 to 37.94.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was easy with most shares done at slightly lower rates.

Loans business was done at rates from $5.90 at the opening down to $5.70, closing a little firmer with buyers at $5.80.

Intasco closing with buyers at $4.50 the previous day this market opened with business at $4.40 and advanced to a new high level of $4.60, easing off to $4.50 and closing with buyers at $4.00 and sellers at $4.50.

Shanghai Lands were easier, 3,000 shares being done at rates between $9.20 and $9.10.

Wheelocks closed with buyers at $32.50 after recording 1,500 shares between $32.75 and $31.75.

Ewos opened at $16.60 and improved to $16.90 recording slightly over 3,000 shares.

Explorations closing with business at $7.80 on the previous day this stock opened at $7.65 and recorded 7,000 shares between $7.55 and $7.70.

Official Averages

1938 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
146.16	100.30	General	133.44	+0.15
149.31	95.55	Rubbers	140.67	−0.09

Total 47,447 shares 68 bonds.

Morning Session

T7,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	T 59.00
T10,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	T 58.00
	19/12/38	
$5,000	S. M. C. 5½% Debs.	$ 93.50
T10,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	T 58.50
$35,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 83.00
300	Wheelock	$ 32.75
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.60
2,000	New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
500	Exploration	$ 7.75
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.75
1,000	A. A. U. (Ord)	$ 3.00
1,500	China Realty	$ 1.05
300	Wheelock	$ 32.50
1,000	Exploration	$ 7.65
500	A. A. U. (Ord)	$ 3.00
1,000	S'hai Loan	$ 5.90
500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 6.80
500	S'hai Loan	$ 5.75
1,500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.50
200	Wheelock	$ 32.00
500	Exploration	$ 7.55
500	S'hai Land	$ 9.20
2,000	Int. Assurance	$ 4.40
400	Wheelock	$ 31.75
500	S'hai Loan	$ 5.70
300	Wheelock	$ 32.00
100	Sungei Duri	$ 31.50
500	S'hai Loan	$ 5.75
500	S'hai Land	$ 9.10
500	S'hai Loan	$ 5.70
50	S'hai Telephone	$ 69.00
1,000	S'hai Loan	$ 5.75
1,000	Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.50
500	Kaiping	$ 26.75
1,000	Int. Assurance	$ 4.60
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.00
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.60
1,000	Exploration	$ 7.65
1,000	Int. Assurance	$ 4.57½
2,000	Int. Assurance	$ 4.55
2,000	Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
	ODD LOTS	
9	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.75
500	China Realty	$ 1.05
28	S'hai Telephone	$ 69.00
100	S'hai Land	$ 9.40
100	New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
25	New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.00
36	S'hai Telephone	$ 69.00
100	S'hai Land	$ 9.30
200	New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
100	S'hai Land	$ 9.20
100	Metal Ind. of China	$ 6.70
3	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.75
300	Int. Assurance	$ 4.50
100	Metal Ind. of China	$ 6.70
100	S'hai Land	$ 9.20

Afternoon Session

$1,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 83.00
1,000	Kroewoek	$ 1.20
500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 6.80
400	Kaiping	$ 26.75
1,000	Metal Ind. of China	$ 6.80
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.70
10	S. W. W. "A" £20	$625.00
1,000	Exploration	$ 7.70
4,000	Kroewoek	$ 1.20
2,000	Exploration	$ 7.75
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.80
2,000	S'hai Land	$ 9.15
2,000	Senawang	$ 0.98
800	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.90
1,000	Exploration	$ 7.70
1,000	Samagaga	$ 0.80
	ODD LOTS	
500	Cathay Land	$ 2.05
250	New Eng. (Ord)	$ 6.10
100	Metal Ind. of China	$ 6.75
500	Cathay Land	$ 2.05
6	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.75
200	New Eng. (Pref)	$ 8.00
100	S'hai Land	$ 9.15

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 19.

Although trading was quiet on the Stock Exchange today, the undertone ruled steady except for British gilt-edged securities which tended to ease on year-end selling for taxation requirements, while among foreign bonds, Czechoslovakian issues were a weak feature. French rails improved on Paris buying. Elsewhere, changes were very small.—Reuter.

	Dec. 19	20
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£98 1/16	97 13/16
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	45¾	45¼
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	55	54¾
	Osaka, Dec. 20.	
Kogo 5%		Y.103.68
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	19/1½	19/1½
Armstrong Stevens	8/3	8/3
Assoc. & Elec.	38/9	38/9
Austin Motors, ord.	25/-	24/6
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	22/3	22/3
British American Tob.	98/1½	*96/10
Cable & W., new form	36¼	36
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/4½	7/3
Courtaulds	28/4½	28/4½
Distillers	90/3	90/6
Dunlop Rubber	23/-	23/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/9	76/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	104/6	104/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	24/-	24/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/1½	30/-
Imp. Tobacco	129/4½	130/-
Leyland Motors	89/4½	90/-
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	55/6	55/6
Pressed Steel, com.	14/-	14/-
Rolls-Royce	110/-	*109/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/6	16/6
Tate & Lyle	54/6	54/3
Turner & Newall	77/10½	*75/7
United Steel	22/6	22/6
Vickers, ord.	21/9	22/-
Woolworths	57/9	57/9
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	25/3	25/3
Rubber Pltn. Trust	27/3	27/3
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/7½	8/7½
Commonwealth Min.	1/6	1/6
Marsman Invests.	15/6	15/9
Randfontein Ests.	41/6	*39/10
Sub-Nigel	236/3	*228/9
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	12/6	13/-
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	88/9	89/4½
Burmah	83/1½	83/9
Mexican Eagle	5/-	5/3
Shell Trans. & Trad.	81/3	82/6

*—Ex dividend.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£75½	76
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	73½	74
4½% Anglo-French Loan,	66	60
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37¼	37
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	55	55
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	13½	13½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	26	26
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	25	25
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	23	23
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13½	13¼
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	24	24
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	18½	18½
5% " " G.	18	18
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	18	18
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	18	18
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	18	18
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9⅛	9⅛
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	79	79½
" " (Col. Reg.)	81	82
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	17½XD
Chosen Corp.	7/6	7/6
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	20/7½	21/3

XD—Ex dividend. N—Nominal.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 19.

Stock prices on Wall Street today closed irregular, with gains and losses about evenly divided. Liquidation and realizing due to tax selling and year-end influences were readily absorbed, and operators were further cheered by the continued rise in Christmas retail sales. Sentiment consequently was good and selling pressure, at no time, was very great, due to broader public participation. The turnover today amounted to 1,100,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	151.77	149.72	150.38	+0.02
20 Rails	30.81	30.20	30.24	−0.11
15 Utilities	22.56	22.05	22.11	−0.18
40 Bonds	—	—	89.30	−0.04
11 Commod.	—	—	48.15	+0.48

	Dec. 17	19
Adams Express	10⅞	10½
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	26⅛	25¾
Allis Chalmers	46½	46⅛
Amerada Corp.	B 68¼	68⅜
Amer. Can	97⅜	98¼
Amer. & For. Power	3⅛	3⅛
" " $7 pfd.	17¼	17
Amer. Locomotive	27¾	27¼
Amer. Metal	38	39
Amer. Radiator	17½	17
Amer. Rolling Mill	21	20⅞
Amer. Smelting	50⅜	49⅜
Amer. Sugar Refining	20⅛	20⅛
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	147¾	147¼
Amer. Tobacco "B"	85⅞	85½
Amer. Waterworks	13⅜	13
Anaconda Copper	34¾	34
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	37¾	36½
Auburn	B 3¾	3¾
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅝	6⅝
Barber Asphalt Corp.	20¼	20⅛
Barnsdall Oil Co.	17¾	18
Bethlehem Steel	75	74⅛
Boeing Airplane Co.	32⅞	33
Borg Warner	31¾	31⅜
Briggs Mfg. Co.	29⅞	29¾
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	12¼	12
" $6 cum. pfd.	40¼	38
Can. Pacific Rly.	5½	5⅝
Case, J.I.	B 88½	88⅞
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29½	B 29½
Chesapeake & Ohio	35½	35
Chrysler	81¾	81½
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6⅝	6½
" "A" pfd.	70¼	70
Coml. Credit	58	57½
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅜	1½
" $6 cum. pfd.	46⅛	46
Consolid. Edison	29⅞	29⅞
Consolid. Oil	8⅝	8⅝
Continental Can	39½	39⅜
Continental Oil	30¾	30¼
Corn Products	63¾	63½
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6¾	6⅝
" "A"	26½	26½
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19¾	19¼
Douglas Aircraft	77¾	79
Du Pont de Nemours	149⅞	147¾
Eagle Picher Lead	12⅝	12¾
Elec. Bond & Sh.	10⅜	10⅛
" " $5 pfd.	62	B60
" " $6 pfd.	66	66½
Elec. Power & Lt.	36¾	37
Flintkote	27⅞	28
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	56½	56
Gen. Elec.	43	42⅞
Gen. Motors	49⅝	48⅞
Gen. Rly. Signal	23½	23¼
Glidden Co.	24	24
Goodrich (B.F.)	24½	24
" $5 pfd.	64¾	64
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	36⅜	36
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	13⅞	13¾
Great Nthrn. Rly.	26¼	26½
Great Western Sugar	24⅝	24¼
Greyhound Corp.	20¼	20½
Hecker Products	10⅜	10⅜
Homestake Min.	62¼	*62⅛
Int. Nickel	53¾	53⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9⅝	9½
Johns Manville	103	104
Kennecott	43⅛	42½
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	53¼	53
Lockheed Aircraft	32¼	33½
Loew's Inc.	51⅛	51½
Manhattan Shirt Co.	B 12½	12½
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	34⅛	34¼
McKeasson & Rob.	7/7½ B/A	7⅛/7⅜ B/A
Monsanto Chemical	106½	106¼
Montgomery Ward	51½	51⅜
Nat. City Bank	B 22	B 22
Nat. Dairy Products	12½	12½
Nat. Distillers	27	26¾
Nat. Gypsum	15½	15¼
Nat. Lead	25¾	26¼
Nat. Power & Lt.	7⅜	7⅛
Nat. Supply Co.	14	14¼
New York Central	18⅝	18⅜
North Amer. Aviation	17½	17⅝
North Amer.	21¾	21⅝
Northern Pacific	11⅛	10⅞
Pacific Gas & Elec.	29	28⅝
Pacific Lighting	Unq.	42½
Packard Motors	4¼	4¼
Paramount Pictures Inc.	12½	12⅛
Pennsylvania R.R.	21	20½
Phelps Dodge	43⅛	42½
Phillips Petroleum	41⅞	41⅞
Public Serv. of N.J.	30¾	30½
Pure Oil	10¼	10⅜
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7¾	7½
Republic Steel Co.	23⅝	23
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	43½	43⅜
Schenley	17⅜	16
" 5½% pfd.	71	68½
Sears Roebuck	74¼	74½
Shell Union Oil	14¼	14⅝
Socony-Vacuum	13⅛	13
Sthrn. Pacific	18	18⅛
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	30	30
Stand. Brands	6⅜	6¼
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3½	3⅜
Stand. Oil of N.J.	51½	51
Stone & Webster	14⅞	14⅝
Swift International	Unq.	27¼
Technicolor	20¼	20
Texas Corp.	44¼	45
Texas Gulf Sulphur	31½	32
Transamerica (new)	6½	6¼
Tw. Century Fox	25⅛	24½
" " pfd.	34	34
Un. Carbide & Carbon	87⅝	88½
Un. Pacific	90¼	89¾
Un. Aircraft (new)	41¼	41⅝
Un. Air Lines Trans.	12⅛	12¼
Un. Corp.	3	2⅞
" $3 pfd.	34⅜	33¼
Un. Gas Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Un. Gas Improvement	10⅝	10½
U. S. Rubber	51⅛	50½
" 8% pfd.	98⅜	99
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Vanadium	27¼	27
Warner Bros. Picts.	5⅝	5½
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New England Gas & Elec.	56	55¾
Peru	10½	10½
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	50½	50½
Stand. Gas & Elec.	59	59

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Prices on the Stock Exchange today early moved upward, but then encountered resistance and slipped from the day's highs. The announcement of steel operations being at 51.7 per cent. of capacity, down 5.9 per cent., briefly depressed the market. However, as the decline was anticipated, prices quickly rallied. News today was generally of no significance to the market, with the exception of the prediction by F. W. Dodge that residential buildings in 1939 would be up 32 per cent. compared with 1938, while Christmas retail sales are ahead of last year. Tax-selling continues to be seen, and most longs are reticent in their commitments except at concessions.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Dec. 19.

The upward movement on the Berlin share-market from December 13 to 17 came to a standstill at the opening of the stock exchange this week. The tendency was irregular but major fluctuations of prices were only exceptional. Chemische Heyden lost 3 per cent. and was quoted at 136.5 while Berliner Machines went down 3 to 122.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 19.

The Bourse opened firm on French counters, hesitant on Internationals, today. Rentes accentuated their gains, and at closing-time, national stocks were very firm although Internationals were irregular.—Havas.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 19.

Generally steady conditions prevailed in the commodity markets today, excepting for metals which eased moderately.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 8⅛ +⅛; sellers 8 3/16 +⅛; Jan. del. buyers 8 1/16 +1/16; sellers 8 3/16 +⅛.

London Sugar (Buyers) Mar. 6/2¼ +1¼; May 6/2 +¾; Aug. 6/1¾ +½.

Liverpool Wheat: Dec. 4/8¼ +⅞; Mar. 4/5⅞ +¾; May 4/6⅜ +⅞.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Jan. 4.73 +1; Mar. 4.71 unc; May 4.67 +1, July 4.57 unc; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) Jan. 7.11 —8; Mar. 7.08 —6; May 7.03 —6.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. Cash sellers £43½ —3/16; 3 mths del. sellers £43¾ —⅛; Electrolytic buyers £49¼ +¼; sellers £50 unc; Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £213¾ —¾; 3 mths del. sellers £214¾ —¾; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £15 1/16 unc; 3 mths del. sellers £15 3/16 —1/16; Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £13⅝ —3/16; 3 mths del. sellers £13¾ —¼.—Reuter.

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 19.

The cotton market early ruled quiet, with price changes comparatively narrow. Scattered speculative and local buying were offset by unencouraging cables, the lack of incentives and liquidation. Finally, the market firmed up and closed fairly active, on trade and commission house buying and covering by shorts, with quotations ranging from 5 to 10 points up.

After opening steady, prices in the rubber market today advanced on higher cables, professional buying and a good consumer demand. Improved factory interest additionally aided the market. At the last call over, gains of 11 to 22 points were recorded.

Wheat prices in Chicago opened higher on firm overseas cables, Liverpool buying and the strength of other grain markets. Later, prices further hardened on a better milling demand and some new buying. At the final bell, gains of ⅝ of a cent were registered.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Jan.	8.29-30	+05	Jan.	16.34 N	+11
Mar.	8.27-27	+06	Mar.	16.33-35	+18
May	8.07-10	+07	May	16.30-31	+22
July	7.80-82	+08	July	16.28-33	+18
Oct.	7.55-55	+09		B/A	
Dec.	7.58 N	+10			

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk		
Mar.	1.13½-14	+1			
	B/A		Jan.	1.76-76½	unc.
May	1.14½-15	+1		B/A	
	B/A				

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	66⅞-66¾	+⅝	May	52½-52⅝	+⅞
July	66½-66⅜	+⅝	July	53⅜-53¼	+¾

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	61⅜-61⅜	+⅜
July	61⅞-62	+⅜

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

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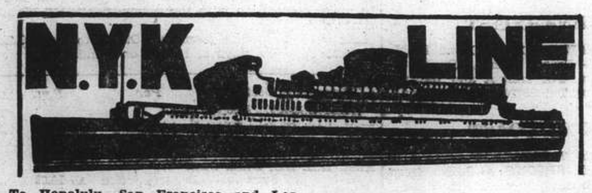

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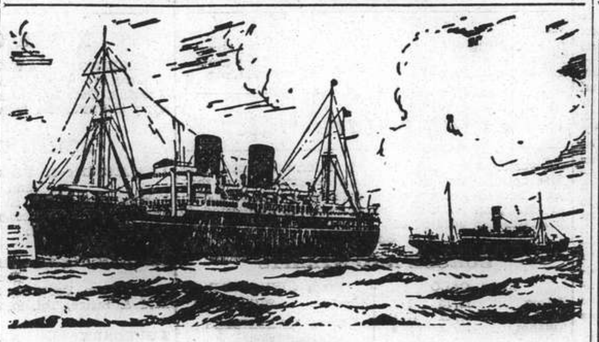

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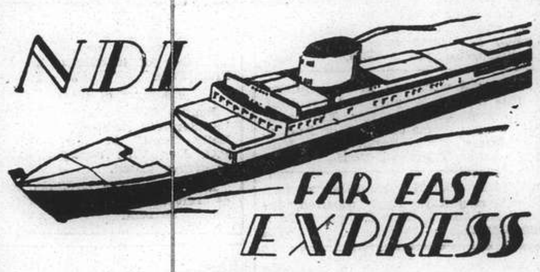

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EUROPE AND STRAITS

From OSLO
Triton 19/10 1/1
Tarn 19/11 12/1
Talabot 17/12 8/2

From GOTHENBURG
Talabot 20/12 8/2

From GDYNIA
Titan 15/11 6/1
Eumaeus 13/12 3/2

From GLASGOW
Agamemnon 5/11 21/12
Sarpedon 19/11 4/1
Deucalion 3/12 19/1
Patroclus 17/12 1/2

From LIVERPOOL
Helenus 5/11 25/12
Agamemnon 12/11 21/12
Menelaus 19/11 3/1
Sarpedon 26/11 4/1
Lycaon 3/12 15/1
Deucalion 10/12 19/1
Perseus 17/12 27/1
Patroclus 24/12 1/2

From LONDON
Carthage 18/11 25/12
Bhutan 12/11 27/12
Behar 26/11 5/1
Rajputana 2/12 9/1
Soudan 10/12 23/1
Ranchi 16/12 23/1
Yasukuni M. 23/12 27/1

From HAMBURG
Potsdam 26/11 30/12
Triton 13/11 1/1
Lippe 12/11 4/1
Panama 15/11 7/1
Zuiderkerk 21/11 14/1
Elbe 10/12 16/1
Gneisenau 24/12 27/1
Eumaeus 17/12 3/2

From ROTTERDAM
Sauerland 11/11 22/12
Preussen 25/11 9/1
Zuiderkerk 11/11 14/1
Leverkusen 8/12 18/1
Tjikembang 29/12 11/2

From ANTWERP
Zuiderkerk 21/11 14/1
Tjikembang 19/12 11/2

From GIBRALTAR
Ranchi 20/12 23/1

From MARSEILLES
J. Laborde 25/11 23/12
Athos II 9/12 6/1
F. Roussel 23/12 20/1

From GENOA
Zuiderkerk 11/12 14/1
Tjikembang 6/1 11/2

From TRIESTE
Himalaya 20/11 9/1

From PORT SAID
Sarpedon 8/12 4/1
Soudan 21/12 23/1

From SUEZ
Titan 6/12 6/1
Preussen 8/12 9/1

From PORT SUDAN
Tarn 16/12 12/1

From ADEN
C. Rosso 14/12 31/12
Rajputana 19/12 9/1

From DJIBOUTI
Athos II 18/12 6/1

From COLOMBO
Potsdam 19/12 30/12
Triton 8/12 1/1
Sarpedon 19/12 4/1
Behar 19/12 5/1

From KARACHI
Sumatra 15/12 11/1

From PENANG
Lippe 20/12 7/1

From SINGAPORE
Boissevain 18/12 25/12
Carthage 17/12 25/12
Bhutan 18/12 27/12

From SOERABAIA
Tjisalak 19/11 5/12

From MANILA
Emp. Russia 19/12 25/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Peter Maersk 10/11 26/12
Silveryew 23/11 8/1
Gert. Maersk 23/11 12/1
C. Florence 19/11 15/1
Eskbank 7/12 24/1
Grete Maersk 10/12 25/1
C. Bedford 17/12 14/2

From VANCOUVER
Oakbank — 10/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
Taybank 30/11 27/12
Silveryew 10/12 8/1

From LOS ANGELES
Bidevind 9/11 2/1

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From OTARU
Bangalore 13/12 26/12

From YOKOHAMA
Menestheus 16/12 23/12
Terukuni M. 18/12 26/12

From NAGOYA
Bangalore 19/12 26/12

From OSAKA
Terukuni M. 21/12 26/12

From KOBE
Taiyo M. 21/12 23/12
Menestheus 20/12 23/12
Shanghai M. 28/12 30/12

From MIIKE
Seroosker 2/1 5/1

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. 21/12 22/12
Nagasaki M. 26/12 27/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPE TOWN
Boissevain 17/11 25/12

From LOUR. MARQUES
Nolisement — 5/1
Tegelberg 8/12 22/1
Harmattan — 7/2

From DURBAN
Tegelberg 20/12 22/1

From MAHE
Boissevain 8/12 25/12

From MELBOURNE
Nellore 3/12 9/1
Tanda 4/1 9/2

From BRISBANE
Nellore 16/12 9/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Tsingtao M. 20/12 23/12
Tjibadak 21/12 24/12
Hoten M. 23/12 26/12

From TAKU
Kanchow 17/12 22/12
Shuntien 17/12 22/12

From TIENTSIN
Shuntien 19/12 22/12
Kanchow 15/12 22/12
Yatshing 20/12 24/12
Hsin Peking 21/12 25/12
Shengking 22/12 25/12
Fooshing 19/12 26/12
Yusang 23/12 27/12
Yingchow 24/12 29/12

From TSINGTAO
Menestheus 30/11 23/12

From HUPUKOW
Hanwo 21/12 21/12

From HSINKONG
Tungwo 21/12 21/12
Whangpu 21/12 21/12

From WENCHOW
Chungking 20/12 23/12

From AMOY
Soochow 19/12 22/12

From HONGKONG
Sauerland 19/12 22/12
Soochow 17/12 22/12
J. Laborde 21/12 23/12
Kiungchow 20/12 23/12
Tsiman 21/12 26/12
Tingsang 23/12 27/12
Yochow 23/12 27/12
Suiyang 23/12 28/12
Sinkiang 25/12 29/12
Yunnan 27/12 31/12

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

CHAKSANG Dec. 21. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. Wednesday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290 21-12

HANGSANG Dec. 22. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

FAUSANG Dec. 23. TSINGTAO.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 23-12

SHUNTIEN Dec. 24. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 24-12

HELENUS Dec. 26. DAIREN.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 26-12

TAISANG Dec. 26. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Monday, Dec. 26, at 1.30 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender for Saloon passengers from Customs Jetty at 12.15 p.m. Monday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 26-12

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

SHENGKING Dec. 27. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 27-12

SOUTH CHINA COAST

LEESANG Dec. 22. FOOCHOW, HSINGWHA, SWATOW and HONGKONG. — Sails from Peking Road Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

TAIYUAN Dec. 22. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-12

TJINEGARA Dec. 22. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjinegara sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, December 22, at 4 p.m., taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Passengers tender leaves Customs Jetty at 2.30 p.m. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 21-12

WINGSANG Dec. 22. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

SHANTUNG Dec. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 23-12

SOOCHOW Dec. 25. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 25, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield S Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-12

YATSHING Dec. 26. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Monday, Dec. 26. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 26-12

FOOSHING Dec. 28. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, Dec. 28. "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 28-12

JAPAN

CARTHAGE Dec. 26. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 26-12

STRAITS AND EUROPE

C. BIANCAMANO Dec. 21. NAPLES and GENOA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, MASSOWAH and PORT SAID.—The Lloyd Triestino s.s. Conte Biancamano will sail from Shanghai on December 21, at 8 a.m. sharp. For Freight and Passage apply Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 21-12

MAR. JOFFRE Dec. 22. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 22-12

MENESTHEUS Dec. 24. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund Tel. 82020. 24-12

NANKING Dec. 27. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Nanking will leave Shanghai on or about December 27, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports, Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to the Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 27-12

BANGALORE Dec. 29. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—For Freight Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 29-12

AFRIKA Jan. 1. PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Afrika, Captain E. Broholm Jensen, will be despatched from here on or about January 1, for the above-mentioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 1-1

CRITRAL Jan. 3. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 9.30 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 1939. Hand packages only will be accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage will be received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, January 2, Customs Permit required for any nailed cases For Freight and Passage apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 3-1

REGENSBURG Jan. 9. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN, COLOMBO, PORT SUDAN and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 9-1

POTSDAM Jan. 10. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 10-1

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Dec. 27. RODRIGUEZ, MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK, (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, December 27. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 27-12

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(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21.				
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Chaksang		*20.00	7.30
Haimen Che.	Hanna		12.00	12.30
Wenchow	C. Paolini		13.00	13.30
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez Europe via Suez	Mar. Joffre	A	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	Mar. Joffre		15.30	16.00
Central America (Z) and Canal Zone (Z)	Tai Yang	B	—	—
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo		16.30	17.00
Haimen Che.	Don Jose		19.30